
St. Andrew's Chronicle

March 2010

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Fasting and Feasting

During our Ash Wednesday Service, I shared a piece⁽¹⁾ that many found meaningful. It gives us a whole new view of fasting.

Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

Let us all give fasting and feasting a try this Lent!

Dr. Bob Summers

(1) This piece can be found online, and there are sometimes variations of it. Moreover, some web sites say that the author is anonymous while others attribute it to William Arthur Ward (American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994). One site says that the source is unknown, but it generally is attributed to Rev. Ward.

Upcoming Monthly Dinners

The monthly dinners are always a crowd pleaser! Below is a schedule of the upcoming features through May, 2010:



March 4: Corned Beef and Cabbage

April 8*: Baked Chicken and Dressing

**Please note the April monthly dinner will be on the second Thursday due to Holy Week taking place the first week of April.*

May 6: 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 each month through May.

2010 World Day of Prayer Event

You are invited to the 2010 Ecumenical World Day of Prayer service on **Friday, March 5** beginning at 7 p.m. The 2010 service will be held at Webster United Church of Christ, 5484 Webster Church Road with the theme centering around a journey into Cameroon, Africa. If you are interested in being a participant in the service, please contact the church office for additional information. All are encouraged to attend this service that will be filled with vibrant song and praise. Refreshments will be available following the worship service.



Daylight Savings Time Reminder

Please remember that we will “spring forward” the night of **Saturday, March 13, 2010**. This is the unfortunate time of the year when we loose an hour.

Pancake Breakfast Planned

The Fellowship Committee has planned a pancake breakfast after both worship services on **Sunday, March 14th**. The breakfast takes the place of coffee hour and has been well received (and very tasty!) in the past. Please plan to join us for the pancake brunch.

Annual Meeting Update

During this year’s Annual Meeting, a question was raised about the Future Fund. The Future Fund was begun in 2000 with profits from monthly dinners, the Sauerkraut Supper and the rummage sale plus any year end surplus. This was stopped in 2008. In 2006 some of the money was returned to the General Fund due to deficits in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and the majority of the funds were used to finish paying off the church renovations. The balance currently is \$6585.17 and has been so since the end of 2008. At the March meeting the Consistory will discuss this fund and bring it before the congregation for a vote.

One Great Hour of Sharing Mission Offering

2010 Theme: "Do you love me? Feed my Sheep" John 21:15-17

In Jesus' last conversation with the disciples after his resurrection, He repeated the same message three times: If you love me, take care of the people I love. Jesus had given up everything to care for ordinary people. He called on his followers to now make a tangible difference in the lives of others. (John 21:15-17)

When you make a gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), you actively participate in tending God's flock throughout the world. Your gift brings shelter, food, water, and medical supplies to disaster survivors. You help refugees find safe shelter and begin to build new lives. You aid impoverished communities in securing dependable sources of food and clean water. And you help provide medical care and education that strengthen bodies and minds and create brighter futures.

Remember the feeding of the 5,000? The disciples thought their resources could never meet the people's great need. Yet the followers of Jesus gave sacrificially from what they had – and through God's blessing their gifts created a miracle for all.

OGHS is a Lenten Offering. The 2010 Dedication Day is **March 14, 2010**.

Attention, Cleaners of All Ages!

As you know, the Good Friday Ecumenical worship service will be held here in our Sanctuary on April 2, 2010. So, since we will be having "company", we need to do some housecleaning!

We are calling this "Church Spring Spruce Up" and it will take place on **Friday, March 19th** from 3-9 p.m. Come when you can! We will have pizza in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. and all are welcome to join us. A few of the things that need to be done are: window washing, vaccuming the pews in the Sanctuary, dusting, removing any wax that was dripped onto the pews, etc. If you are able to bring some of your cleaning supplies from home, it would be very much appreciated. If the weather permits, we may even be able to do a little bit outside the building as well.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the church office.

Easter Lily Order Forms



St. Andrew's will be selling Easter Lilies again this year. Lilies can be given in loving memory or in honor of a loved one. The lilies are available for \$15 each and will decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning. Order forms can be found in the narthex (lobby) and on the table outside Pati's office. An order form can also be e-mailed to you for completion if you wish; please contact the office for this service. The deadline to place your order is **March 25, 2010**.

Confirmation Class Confirmed

Please join us on **Palm Sunday, March 28th** when the 2010 confirmation class will be welcomed into membership at the 10:30 service. In recent years, the confirmands were received into membership on Pentecost Sunday. However, historically speaking, the class was confirmed on Palm Sunday so that they could take Communion (for many their first communion) on Easter Sunday with their entire church family.

We have four very bright young adults in this year's class. Please join us during the 10:30 worship service and for the special coffee hour that will take place after the service in the fellowship hall in the confirmands honor.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 28 - Sunday, April 4, 2010



Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday)

8:30 am: Worship Service

10:30 am: Worship Service, Confirmation Class Confirmed

(Coffee Hour following 10:30 service in honor of confirmation class)

Thursday, April 1 (Maundy Thursday)

Time TBA: Seder Meal

7 pm: Maundy Thursday and Office of the Tenebrae Service, Holy Communion Received

Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)

12:15 pm: Ecumenical Worship Service at St. Andrew's U.C.C.

Sunday, April 4 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 am: Early Worship Service, Holy Communion Received

9:30 am: Easter Breakfast Hosted by the Youth Group, Past and Present

10:30 am: Traditional Easter Worship Service, Holy Communion Received

Youth Reunion 2010 - St. Andrew's Style

It is time to plan for **Easter Breakfast!** We had great response last year to our invitation to all St. Andrew Youth Alumni to join us. So this is the second annual invitation to all of our graduates, of any age, to be involved with the Easter Breakfast. This is a great day to catch up with each other **in person, no electronic devices required!** As soon as you know you can be there email the church office: standrews@provide.net or Julie: julietsummers09@gmail.com.

Stewardship Corner

The words of Matthew 20:28... "*the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*" ... reminds us that the life of Jesus was one of total sacrifice. It is clear that Jesus wanted to develop a servant spirit in His disciples and in us. He lived for His heavenly Father and for others. In the same way Jesus served His Father, we exist to serve Him.

However, a life of service and servanthood is contrary to what our society promotes. We are told that we should aspire to fame, power, and wealth. In servanthood there is no glory, spotlight or fame. A meaningful relationship with Christ is not possible if we put ourselves first and only seek the goals that are important to the world we live in. Living a life of service, we give of ourselves without striving for financial rewards or glory. Unlike the praise we receive from God, worldly praise has no lasting value. As a servant, Jesus was not looking for praise from the masses, because He was only interested in glorifying His Father.

Christian Education News

We are offering a number of classes during the five weeks of Lent entitled “Unbinding the Gospel,” a series designed to stimulate discussion about our faith, our church, and reaching out to others. The times of the classes are as follows:

Sunday mornings, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday mornings, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 p.m.

Please join us for this time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

Upcoming Sunday School Lessons:

March 7: “Lyle, the Kindly Viking” – A lesson in kindness.

March 14: “The Wonderful Wizard of Ha’s” – A lesson in forgiveness.

March 21: A Passover Seder – Celebrating the Last Supper with Jesus and His Disciples.

Be sure to check out the display case upstairs for upcoming Sunday School lessons and special events!

There will be no Sunday School on the following dates:

March 28 (Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday)

April 4 (Easter Sunday)

During this Lenten season, we would like to encourage our families to join us on Wednesday evenings for potluck dinners, followed by a worship service. Dinners will begin at 6:15 p.m.

Consistory Reports from January

Youth: Alyssa Lowery reported that the youth had an outing to Zap Zone and looking to have another in the near future possibly to Hudson Mills.

Buildings & Grounds: Dave Schmoekel reported on the electrical work done on the parsonage to bring things up to code and that currently we are on track with snow removal expenditures.

Christian Education: Ray Lowery reported that the Lunch and Learn had 20 people attending and bible studies continue to do well.

Fellowship: Dr. Bob reported on upcoming events that the committee is working on.

Music: Phil Stendel reported that the Christmas season was good and that the choir is in need of more members, especially sopranos.

Outreach: Betty Davenport announced that Feb. 14 and 21 a special offering for the Ronald McDonald House will be collected and Relay for Life will have a kickoff on Feb. 21. This year St. Andrew’s will be auctioning off a Relay Quilt.

Old Business: Discussion took place on the cost of the carpet for the downstairs and that Ginny Weber will be in charge of asking for donations from the Congregation. Also discussed the possible use of some Memorial Fund money.

New Business: Discussion on the change to sending the Chronicle via email as a cost savings measure. Dr. Bob will hand-deliver copies to shut-ins and paper copies will be available at the Church for those not on email. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14 following the 10:30 service.



Relay for Life Time!

The 2010 Dexter Relay for Life will take place June 26 & 27 at Cornerstone School, on Dan Hoey Road.

Why Relay? Relay for Life is a wonderful community event that raises money to combat this disease and to spread awareness about how we can protect ourselves from cancer. It is a fun-filled event that brings together people of all ages to camp-out and take turns walking around a track for 24 hours to signify that cancer never sleeps. It's a time of celebrating those who have battled the disease, remembering those who have died and a chance to fight back against a disease that takes too much from too many.

Together, we will celebrate, remember, and fight back!

We have some exciting events scheduled again this year. All dates TBA, but this is what we have in mind:

- Pass the cans each Sunday during worship hour
- Designate two special RFL Sunday offerings
- Bake sale(s) - to be held during a monthly dinner time
- Pancake breakfast, after worship hour
- Euchre party
- Car wash
- Sell luminaries, hope bracelets, and "footprints"
- Raffle a beautiful, lap size, quilt that contains nine Relay for Life t-shirt fronts and was put together by Ginny Weber and quilted by Sue Gardner of the St. Andrew's quilt group "The Piecemakers". Other members of the group did the binding. Tickets are available for \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Contact Betty Davenport (734) 426-4093 or Donna Gregory (734) 426-8388. Why not take some tickets to sell to your friends and neighbors or your place of employment? Tickets will be available every Sunday after worship service.

We hope to hear from you if you have any suggestions. Please join the Sunshine Walkers -- go to www.relayforlife.org/dextermi Thank you in advance for your continued support.

March Birthdays

1 - Elise Blacklaw	12 - Ashley Clark	25 - Miranda Mors
- Bert Davenport	- Bob Kaercher	- Judi Stoll
- Avis Spike	13 - Pat Chabot	- Frances York
4 - Selma Mast	14 - Nick Bensinger	26 - Catherine Graham
5 - Austin Clark	19 - Nick Gagalas	27 - Ray Even
8 - Tim DeGraff	21 - Joe Weber	- Sarah Krips
9 - Bob Mast	22 - Dan Baldus	31 - Lisa Blacklaw
- Julie Summers	- Margaret Barrett	- Neil Scherdt
10 - Virginia Weber	- Kyle Jones	
11 - Carolyn Curts	24 - Laura Mace	

If your birthday is in March but isn't listed, please contact the church office so we can update our records

Consistory Members Elected for 2010

The following is a list of the current members of the Consistory Committee for 2010:

Carol Jones	Deacon and President, Stewardship Committee
Scott Marshall	Elder, Vice-President
Cheryl Oberholtzer	Deacon and Consistory Secretary
Barb Affholter	Deacon, Treasurer, Budget and Finance
Jennie Breuninger	Elder
Lil Burby	Deacon
Betty Davenport	Deacon, Outreach Committee
Rudy Gustafson	Deacon, Usher Committee
Ray Lowery	Deacon, Christian Education Committee
Alyssa Lowery	Deacon, Youth Representative
Dave Schmoekel	Deacon, Building and Grounds
Eva Slavik	Deacon
Phil Stendel	Deacon, Music Committee
Rev. Bob Summers	Pastor
Ginny Weber	Elder, Good Shepherds Committee

Statistical Report

Marriage

On Saturday, January 30, 2010, Brandi Nicole Klapperich and Joseph Robert Meunier were united in marriage by The Rev. Dr. Robert Summers. Mr. and Mrs. Meunier reside in Chelsea, Michigan. Congratulations to both of you!

Deaths

Walter F. Orth, age 92, passed away February 3, 2010. A memorial service will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 12 Noon with visiting from 10 a.m. until time of service at the Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Ann Arbor. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery in Ann Arbor. A luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall at St. Andrew's United Church of Christ, Dexter, following burial.

Donald R. Stoll, age 75, died on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. He was born March 4, 1934 in Dexter, MI, the son of Arthur D. and Erma M. (Haarer) Stoll. Don lived in the Dexter area most of his life, coming to Chelsea in 2001. He was a member of the St. Andrew's U.C.C. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara; a son Jeff and sister-in-law, Pat Stoll. Don married Janice Rose (Kaupp)Weiss on March 24, 2001 and she survives. He is also survived by three daughters, Brenda (Marc) Aagenas of Columbus, OH, Beth (Wally) Steinaway of Brighton, and Karen(Charles) Mosher of Ann Arbor; two step-daughters Julie(Jeremy) Zilkie of Afton, MS and Jodi (Kurt) Hendricks of Davidson, NC; daughter-in-law, Judi Stoll of Chelsea; brothers, Arthur Stoll of Chelsea, Norman L. (Deborah) Stoll of Ann Arbor; 11 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Monday, February 15 at the First United Methodist Church, Chelsea with Rev. Joy Barrett officiating. Burial followed at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Dexter.

Elaine Klinske passed away in the early morning hours of February 24 following a long battle with brain cancer. Elaine and her husband, Ed, were faithful members of St. Andrew's Church for many years before moving to Orange Beach, Alabama. A memorial service will be held in early in Golfshore, Alabama. If you wish to send a note of sympathy or make a memorial donation in Mrs. Klinske's name, please contact the church office for additional details.

Rummage Sale Chairperson Sought

The annual church rummage sale is held in the beginning of June each year. We are currently looking for one or two people who would be willing to serve as Chairperson (or co-chairs) on the project. Detailed notes from previous sales are available for reference. If you are interested in serving the church in this capacity, please contact the church office or speak with Dr. Summers.



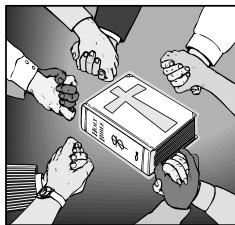
Ongoing Fundraising Updates

There is a lot going on in the life of St. Andrew's Church! We currently have two new projects we are collecting funds for. Listed below are the fundraisers and the amounts collected as of February 20, 2010:

Carpet Fundraising Project! Purchase a square yard of carpet for \$15.00/square. As you have probably noticed, the carpet in the Sunday school area and church office needs to be replaced. They have been cleaned a number of times, but this area receives a high volume of traffic and some of the stains are permanent. Peggy and Travis Otto have offered to spear head the project. Volunteers will be needed to remove the carpet that is currently in place. It will take approximately 343 square yards of carpet at a cost of \$4,539.00. Please consider purchasing one or more "squares" to make this project a reality.

A total of \$1,955.00 has been raised so far! \$555.00 is from member and senior choir donations and \$1,400.00 has been donated from various memorial funds.

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Haitian Relief Funds: The United Church of Christ is appealing to members and friends for support of the Haiti Earthquake emergency appeal to provide for immediate relief and long-term recovery and rebuilding. Each day brings a clearer picture of the extent of the damage including widespread destruction of homes, schools and government buildings, and major damage to key water, electricity and road systems. The need is massive. It is anticipated the UCC will be responding to this disaster in Haiti for the next 5 to 8 years.

How you can help:

1. Pray for the people of Haiti their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers.
2. Please help the people of Haiti by sending gifts payable to your congregation marked for "OGHS – Haiti Earthquake Relief" with the request they be sent through your Conference office on to Wider Church Ministries.

Haitian Relief: A total of \$588.00 for Haitian Relief will be sent to the U.C.C. Conference office on February 22, 2010.

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If you wish to donate to one or both of these projects, please make your check payable to St. Andrew's U.C.C. and note the project your donation is intended for.

March 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting	2 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:00 p.m. Yoga Class	3 As below, plus: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Worship Svc. 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Rehears.	4 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Monthly Dinner 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	5 7:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer at Webster U.C.C	6
7 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Final Exam	8	9 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:00 p.m. Yoga Class	10 As below, plus: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Worship Svc. 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Rehears.	11 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	12	13
14 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i> 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. Pancake Break- fast after both Worship svcs.	15 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:00 p.m. Consistory	16 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:00 p.m. Yoga Class	17 As below, plus: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Worship Svc. 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Rehears.	18 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers 11:00 a.m. Dexter Minist. Assoc. 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	19	20 Items due for March <i>Chronicle</i>
21 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 11:30 a.m. RFL / Prayer Svc. 7 p.m. Confirm.	22	23 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:00 p.m. Yoga Class	24 As below, plus: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Worship Svc. 7:45 p.m. Senior Choir Rehears.	25 <i>Deadline for Easter Lily Orders</i> 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	26	27 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Walter Orth at Muehligs; Luncheon at St. Andrews after burial
28 Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 2:00 p.m. Brecon Village	29 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Committee Meeting	30 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:00 p.m. Yoga Class	31 As listed to right, plus: 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehears.		Every Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Church Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal	

Do You Have an Email Address?

We are in the process of developing an e-mail list of members and friends so that we can send out announcements and updates from time to time. A sheet has been placed in the narthex and on the table outside Pati's office for you to update this information. You can also send an e-mail to the church at: standrews@provide.net. Your address will be copied into the contact list from your e-mail.

Thank You, Chronicle Contributors

As you've no doubt noticed, we've changed the format of our church newsletter. However, in the process, I forgot to include my normal citations of all contributors. Please forgive this oversight. With many thanks, here are the contributors to this issue:

Joanne Arft	Betty Davenport	Carol Jones	Ray Lowery
Dr. Bob Summers	Julie Summers	Virginia Weber	Pati Wheeler

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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	8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School	Adults: 9:30 a.m. Children/Youth: during 10:30 a.m. worship
Nursery Available	during both services

There is a Coffee Hour following both services.

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