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# St. Andrew's Chronicle

April 2010

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## *State of the Church*

Earlier this year, we invited Rev. Curt Dumars-Johnson to take us through an Appreciative Inquiry Process. During this process, we came to realize the wonderful gifts God has given to each of us, to our church and to our community. Here are some of our results:

### ***What do you value in life?***

Love, family, freedom, friends, compassion, health, nature (seeing), faith, children, memories, new life, music, pets, humor, helping people succeed, smells-sight, food, sunshine, seasons, holidays, community, socializing, careers, reflection, talents, feeling a presence, serenity, God moments, coincidence and travel.

### ***What do you value relative to being a member of this church?***

Moral support, acceptance, familiarity, assistance, prayer, small groups/Bible study, family feel, game night, first youth meeting, youth car wash for Relay for Life, breakfast club, sauerkraut support, whitewater rafting, Romulus Water Park, Howell Park, youth on Sunday, Easter breakfast, Christmas friendly beast breakfast, serving Communion, greeting, Blue Christmas Service, Liturgical hula, special music, Dr. Bob's openness, our Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school Christmas program, better acceptance of youth in church – especially youth playing instruments during worship, families worshipping together and involvement, committing to a cause – elevator and youth room, increased outreach, music program, Veteran's Day worship service and prayer services.

### ***What motivates the Community – the wider church?***

Vacation Bible school, Springhill Camps, sharing worship, World Day of Prayer, Relay for Life, Sunday school adopting Gudeta, military boxes for the soldiers, sewing lap cozies, making coughing bears, meals for the homeless, the mitten tree, adopt a family at Christmas, Thanksgiving food baskets, Seniors get Stuffed, carnival/car wash, Girl Scout bazaar, A.A., yoga, caring for aging parents series, Bible studies, internet safety program, Camp Talahi, monthly church dinners, sauerkraut supper, 125th celebrations, Ice Cream Social, weddings, baptisms and funerals, services at Brecon Village in Saline, quilt show, parades, rummage sale and donations to Purple Heart, Olivet college presentation on applying to colleges, having a Student in Discernment for the ministry, boundary training, licensed ministers, a member who is the Dexter American Legion Chaplain, Great Lakes Educators Seminar and resulting program here, hospital visits, Communion to shut ins and the Dexter Ministerial Association.

If we continue being Christ's people and doing Christ's work, we have a bright and promising future!

Peace,

*Dr. Bob Summers*

## *April Monthly Dinner*

The April monthly dinner is planned for **Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** and will feature baked chicken and dressing. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Tickets for both dine-in and carry out meals will be available at the door for \$8 for an adult meal, \$5 for youth ages 5-12 and free for children 4 and younger. Please plan to join us for a time of fellowship and a great meal.



## *Spring Blood Drive*

The American Red Cross (ARC) is planning to have their spring blood drive in the fellowship hall on **Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** from 1-7 p.m. The ARC reports the available blood supply is at dangerously low levels. Please drop in or make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE or by visiting the ARC web-site at [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org). Remember, blood can not be manufactured — it can only come from generous donors.

## *Thank You, Cleaners!*

A Spring Spruce Up was held on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-9 p.m. We were able to accomplish a LOT of cleaning, window washing, vacuuming, etc. The weather even cooperated and some work around the building was completed. Thank you to the following individuals for their time:

Bob and Lil Burby, Bill and Audrey Marshall, Scott and Denise Marshall, Mary Rettig, Joanne Arft, Carole Weber, Brandon Otto, Kevin and Pati Wheeler, Ginny Weber, Betty Lesser, Carol Jones, Jennie and Amanda Breuninger, Julie Summers and Ron Dioszegi.

Please thank these people when you see them next for their efforts to keep our building a place of worship that we can all be proud of!

## *Relay for Life Update*

We are off to a great start Relaying 2010. We have started passing the cans on Sunday mornings. Some dates to jot down are: **April 8** at the Baked Chicken monthly dinner we will have our second bake sale. In March we made \$249.00 at the sale. Sign up sheets are available on the tables in the Fellowship Hall or just drop your goods off during the day on April 8th. On **April 24** we are having a Euchre Party. Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes delicious refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages. We had a great time - come and bring your friends! We are planning a pancake breakfast on **May 16**. The pancakes breakfasts are enjoyed by all. Donations for RFL will be accepted. A **car wash** will be held; date TBA. We welcome anyone to join in the planning of these events. Please let Betty Davenport ([bdavenport@aiserv.net](mailto:bdavenport@aiserv.net)) to volunteer your help at any of these fundraisers. This year's theme for Relay is BIRTHDAYS. Join us in creating a world with less cancer and more birthdays!

NOTE: The next Sonshine Walkers meeting will be April 18 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

## *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](mailto:standrews@provide.net). Your address will be copied into the contact list from your e-mail.

## *Attention, Quilt Lovers!*



As impossible as it seems, the Piece-makers will present their **Seventh Annual Quilt Show**, Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's.

In the years between the first show in 2004 and this one, the group has grown to about 25 rotating members who have produced, besides the six preceding shows, roughly 400 quilts for young patients at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, along with a couple hundred "coughing bears." And Ann Arbor is only this end of the project. Guatemala and a mission there carried out by physicians from UM each year is the far flung destination of comfort produced by the Piece-makers - blankets and bears.

The annual quilt show features 100 (and sometimes more) quilts made or collected by people from St. Andrew's and the area. The only repetition each year is the quilt voted "viewer's choice" in the preceding show. That makes over 600 total quilts so far with another 100 being gathered for this year. Think of them in terms of yards of fabric and miles of thread and you have some idea of the impact of the show.

Most of the quilters in the Piece-makers are from St. Andrew's, but about 10 are from the community. Not everyone even sews - there are many tasks that make a quilt - even one meant for a baby or small child or teen. Each quilt bears a label "Made for you by the Piece-makers of St. Andrew's Church, Dexter" along with the year. They are chosen by each child and go home with him or her as they are released from hospital care.

The nice part is the cards and letters that come back to the Piece-makers from parents; the pictures of little children in Guatemala with their blanket or bear. Some of these will be on display in the Narthex prior to the show. Take time to look at the photos and read the thank you's.

The annual quilt show provides the money to buy fabric, batting, and thread. Much of the fabric - and it must be 100 per cent cotton - is donated - by St. Andrew's folks and sometimes by mystery people who leave bags or boxes of it near the group's closet. This year's raffle quilt is a case in point - the fabric and pattern were left in a box with no note to tell who left it. The proceeds from the raffle will be total profit this year, thanks to this generous gift. (You can buy tickets for the raffle and you might win the mystery quilt.)

So - save Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and come see what area quilters and collectors have produced. One husband remarked "This is engineering with cloth - design, execution, finished product." Guys are welcome to come share the fun. \$4 will open the door to a unique experience. Vendors selling fabric, novelties, quilting tools and other delights will be downstairs in the social hall. This year, two of our vendors come from as far away as the west coast of Michigan and Indiana. A luncheon will be available from 11 to 2, so you can make a leisurely day of it. If you've never seen the show, you are in for a treat.

If you have been before, remember, everything is new again. Don't miss Quilt Show #7 - remember that's a lucky number.

## *Thank You to Debbie Phillips!*

We wish to extend our gratitude to Debbie Phillips for baking, decorating and delivering the cakes that we enjoyed on Palm Sunday at the coffee hour to honor the Confirmation class. Deb has provided us with tasty treats for a number of years and we have never been disappointed.

Deb's continued support is very much appreciated and we thank her for a job well done!

## *Statistical Report*

**Baptism:** On Sunday, March 7, 2010, Liam Scott Marshall received the Sacrament of Infant Baptism by Dr. Bob Summers. Liam was born on September 9, 2009 in Newport News, Virginia and is the son of Andy and Daryl (nee Salas) Marshall. John Marshall, Katie Marshall and Megan Smith are Liam's Godparents. Liam's proud and beaming grandparents are Scott and Denise Marshall. Liam is blessed with great-grandparents Bill and Audrey Marshall.

**Death:** Arbe Herman Rosentreter died Saturday, March 6, 2010 at age 84 years. Mr. Rosentreter was a long time member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ and served as president for a period of time and taught Sunday School. He is survived by his children Diane (David) Melow, Gary (Nancy) Rosentreter and Linda Graham as well as grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Rosentreter's funeral service was held here in the Sanctuary on Friday, March 12, 2010. Burial with full military honors followed the service in the St. Andrew's Cemetery.

**New Members:** Welcome and congratulations to the 2009-2010 Confirmation class that was received into membership on Palm Sunday, March 28. The newest members to the St. Andrew's family are:

Ezekial Garth Breuninger

Brenden Allen Chalou

Kristin Brianne Lowery

Julie Anne Swisher

### *Children's Sunday School Happenings*

**K-4<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School:**

**April 4: No Sunday School K-High school.**

**Rejoice and Share Easter Service with Your Families**

**April 11: "Project thank you cards and letters."**

Our thank you cards and letters will be sent to Andrew Marshall. Andy is currently serving in the United States Navy, on the ship the USS Barry. We will choose a military person throughout the Sunday school year to send cards and letters to.

**April 18: Mother's day project**

Please make sure that your children can attend on this day. We want everyone to have a special present to present to their mom's on Mother's day.

**April 25-May 16: "God Made you Special" -- A Four Week Series**

Each week will be a different Veggie Tale lesson, connecting to the "God Made You Special" series. A Door prize will be drawn each week for a lucky boy or girl.

**April 25: "Dave and the Giant Pickle"**

A lesson in Self Esteem

**Date: Saturday April 17**

**Time: 1:00p.m.-3:00pm**

**A Special Family Event K-6<sup>th</sup> grade: Big Idea presents the Veggie Tale DVD**

**Pistachio "The little boy who woodn't".**

**Your ticket to enter this great event is your parent or grandparent**

**"Listening to your parents."**

Please join us for a fun filled day for the whole family! Door prize, popcorn, drinks and much more!!! Stayed tuned for later updates.

## *April Birthdays*

1 - Lisa Murphy	12 - Chris Short	
2 - Elaine Owsley	14 - Shirley Cobb	
3 - Roberta Cobb	16 - Rev. Robert Summers	
- Pat Schmoekel	20 - Ann Egeler	
6 - Else Lutz	22 - Carla Gordon	
- Bev Shafer	- Julie Smith	
7 - Kevin Mors	25 - Bruce Breuninger	28 - Art Klumpp
11 - Brittany Bourdon	27 - Rick Mace	29 - Leola Ernst



Please inform the church office (426-8610) if we have forgotten any members.

## *Stewardship Corner: In Faith and In Doubt*

### **“Eight days later...” John 20:26**

The disciples told Thomas the unbelievable news that Jesus, whom they had all seen crucified, was alive! And, of course, Thomas did not believe it! He might have thought his friends delusional or mad with grief. He might have thought that some colossally cruel practical joke had been played on them by the authorities. Whatever he thought, clearly he could not buy what they were selling. So he might have left them, sadly and with great despair.

But we are told that a week later he was still hanging out with them. A week! Even though they were ecstatic with joy and he was deep in disbelief, he stayed with the community, and they remained available to him. Then Jesus appeared again and the one who doubted found faith.

Thank God Thomas had a place and a group of people with whom he could abide in the night of doubt and sadness. They carried him through until his relationship with Jesus was restored and strengthened. Is not that still the role of the church? We maintain our buildings and hold our worship services and prayer meetings and Bible Studies and community events and host support groups of all kinds so that we can hold each other in faith and in doubt. We are there for each other and for our neighbors in all circumstances of life and spirit. We give time, talent and treasure to the church not to support an institution but to nurture a community of believers and doubters faithing each other into stronger relationships with Jesus, just as those disciples did with Thomas. As Eastertide continues, remember how the church held you when you were in a Thomas week in your life.

*Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven Connecticut.*

## *Rummage Sale Update*

We would like to express our extreme thanks to Lil Burby and Roberta Cobb for agreeing to co-chair St. Andrew’s annual Rummage Sale for one more year. The tentative dates for the sale are **Friday, June 11** and **Saturday, June 12**. Please set aside all those treasures that you no longer need for donation to the rummage sale, because they’re sure to be treasured by someone else. You’ll be helping yourself, helping others, and helping your church – it’s a win-win-win!

In addition to treasures, we’d also like people to prayerfully consider volunteering to help out, both with setup and preparation as well as during the sale itself. Many hands make light work, and it’s fun fellowship too!

## *Consistory Reports from February*

**Pastor:** Dr. Bob spoke about the Lenten Bible Study called “unbinding the Gospel that he and Joanne will be teaching. It was mentioned at the Elder’s meeting as to who will be in charge of the various events sponsored by the church, many of which fall under the heading of the Fellowship Committee.

**Good Shepherds:** Ginny Weber reported that they sent out Valentines.

**Youth:** Alyssa Lowery reported that they had a fun trip to the Zap Zone and they are organizing a fund raiser for the new carpet.

**Building & Grounds:** Dave Schmoekel reported on repairing the flickering light on the altar and the need to replace lights in the sanctuary. He also reported that the parsonage renters are happy with the repairs done and they intend to stay.

**Music:** Phil Stendel reported that the Choir is still in need of singers, especially sopranos and they are donating money to the carpet fund.

**Outreach:** Betty Davenport talked about the Kick-Off meeting for Relay for Life and the special offering for the Ronald McDonald House.

**Old Business:** Ginny Weber reported on the carpet fund and that we have had a request to use some of the funds from Elsasser Families.

**New Business:** A motion was made to return \$5000 to the Memorial Fund from the General Fund.

Discussion was held as to how we can get more information out to the congregation. It was suggested that we use the recently created email lists to send a weekly update as well as the monthly Chronicle.

Consistory members were asked to prepare 3-5 goals for the church for the next meeting.

**Annual Meeting Update – Payroll Taxes:** A question was raised at the Annual Meeting regarding the large amount of expenditure under Payroll Taxes. There are two reasons this looks to be out of balance, one being that some of the 2008 payments were not done until 2009 and the other was that the budgeted amount was too low for the actual cost of the taxes. The 2010 budget has a more accurate figure for the taxes.

## *St. Andrew’s Scholarship*

The Scholarship Committee announced that applications for the St. Andrew’s Scholarship have been mailed to graduating seniors and are also available in the church office. Applications must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, May 3, 2010** for consideration for this year’s scholarship. The basis for selection is as follows:

1. A member of St. Andrew’s United Church of Christ in good standing, as defined in the constitution / by-laws of the church.
2. Participation in the life of the church.
3. School transcript.
4. Extracurricular activities and community involvement.
5. The committee has the authority to consider financial need.

The scholarship funds available are from interest from CDs, but we would welcome any donations congregation members might wish to make to boost the funds available.

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

# April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>All Wednesdays:</b> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Adult Study Group	<b>Mandy Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers 7:00 p.m. Worship Office of the Tenebrae	<b>Good Friday</b> 12:15 p.m. Community Good Friday Service (at St. Andrew's)	
<b>4</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc.	<b>5</b> Office closed	<b>6</b> 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class	<b>7</b> As above, plus: 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Monthly Dinner 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m. Dexter Lions Club mtg.	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Committee	<b>13</b> 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class	<b>14</b> As above, plus: 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 1:00 p.m. Veggie Tales <i>Pistachio, the Little Boy Who Woodn't</i> for kids and families
<b>18</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 11:30 a.m. Prayer Service / Relay for Life	<b>19</b> 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:00 p.m. Consistory	<b>20</b> 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class Items due for <i>May Chronicle</i>	<b>21</b> As above, plus: 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 p.m. Relay for Life Euchre Party
<b>25</b> 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 9:30 a.m. Adult Learning 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 2:00 p.m. Brecon Village	<b>26</b> 1:00-7:00 p.m. American Red Cross Spring Blood Drive	<b>27</b> 10:00 a.m. PG Yoga 6:30 p.m. Yoga Class	<b>28</b> As above, plus: 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Yoga Class	<b>30</b> Quilt Show Set-Up (entire building)	

## *Records of Donations Available*

Giving statements are no longer mailed on a quarterly basis. In order to reduce postage costs, statements will be mailed at the end of the calendar year only. If you ever want to check to see if your giving is up-to-date or just to compare what has been recorded against your personal records, please contact me at 426-8610 during regular office hours. If any discrepancies are discovered, they will receive top priority to be resolved.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew's Church!

Sincerely,

*Pati Wheeler*

## *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
Denise Marshall	Elaine Owsley	Dr. Bob Summers	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**

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

There is a Coffee Hour following both services.

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