
St. Andrew's Chronicle

July 2010

Freedom's Celebration

In July, we as Americans look forward to Independence Day...the picnics, fireworks and the celebration of our independence from British rule 234 years ago.

Freedom is a right that comes with the privilege of being an American. We have freedom to work, live, and study wherever we please, to decide how many children we want to have, and to speak out when we are against an issue. We have freedom to worship in whatever manner we please. We don't have to worry about our churches being closed for what they teach or even being arrested for bearing the name "Christian". Every day we should thank God for our freedom, but, as Christians, we know that no one is completely free until he is free in Christ. God's freedom allows us to find the joy of having our sins forgiven and the ability to grow in faith and become the persons God want us to be.

Along with this freedom, though, comes responsibility. Our responsibility is to administer our whole life --- personality, time, talent, money, influences, goals, everything, in accordance with the spirit and ideals of Christ. So on the fourth (or whatever day you see the fireworks) thank our Lord also for the freedom we find in Him!



Congregational Meeting **CANCELED**

The Consistory has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday, July 11, 2010** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service

Church Picnic

On Sunday, July 18, 2010 we are planning an **All Church Picnic/Potluck** at the home of Becky & Arnie Deanhofer, 6575 Dexter Ann Arbor Road, Dexter immediately following the 10:30 a.m. church service. Lemonade, iced tea and table service will be provided. Bring a dish to pass. Also bring your own lawn chair. Activities include swimming, horseshoes, badminton, bocce ball, cards, Mexican Train (dominoes).



Thank You For Sharing Your Musical Talents!

I would like to extend a **heartfelt thank you** to the devoted members of the senior choir, the individuals who participated in ringing the handbells and those who offered special music over the past year. Your willingness and kindness is very much appreciated not only by me, but by all who have enjoyed the enhancement to the worship services.

The senior choir will be taking a much deserved break over the summer months. If you would like to join us in the fall, we welcome anyone who would like to participate. Our rehearsals will resume at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, September 8th!

Paula Allison-England

Prayer Services

We have all experienced times in our lives when we feel the need for additional prayer. It may be prayers for yourself or for someone who is an important part of your life. It may be a prayer to express your gratitude to God for a special blessing or answered (or unanswered) prayer.

St. Andrew's offers a special prayer service on the third Sunday of each month following the 10:30 worship service. This is a time of quiet reflection to pray for God's guidance and healing. Participants are given an opportunity (if they wish) to come forward and have others pray with and for them. It is not necessary to indicate why you are there or who you are praying for. The most important part of this is to provide a time and space where you can connect with the Creator.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office for additional information.



Calling All Music Makers!

If anyone is interested in providing special music (vocal or instrumental) over the summer months, please see Paula or contact the church office to leave her a message.

Committees and Activities Taking a Summer Hiatus

Over the summer months, various committees and activities of the church take a break to enjoy the warm months and go on family vacations. Here is a list of the activities and their start up dates in the fall.

Senior Choir Rehearsal	Resumes September 8 th at 7:30 pm
Sunday School Classes	Resumes September 12 th during the 10:30 a.m. worship service
Adult Sunday School	Resumes September 12 th at 9:30 am
Piecemakers Quilting Group	Resume weekly meetings on September 9 th from 9-11 am
Meeting of the Elders*	Resume September 20 th at 6:30 pm
Consistory Committee*	Resumes September 20 th at 7 pm
Monthly Dinners	Resume on September 9 th with 5 pm serving time

*Special Committee meeting will be called if issues warrant.

Graduating Class of 2010

Congratulations to the graduates of the class of 2010! We were honored to have some of the graduates attend the worship service held on June 13th in their honor. The graduates are:

Sarah Breuninger	Nicole Chalou	Allison Krips
Alyssa Lowery	Aimee Mesko	Kevin Mors
Megan Mosher	Whitney Otto	Emily Schaible
	Kyle Slavik	

We wish all of you the best as you begin to map out your futures.

Rummage and Bake Sale a Big Success!



The rummage and bake sale were once again a success this year, thanks to all the members who donated their no longer needed treasures and to all the workers who donated their time. We set a goal this year to exceed last year's total and were able to accomplish that goal. We collected \$4,960.50, of which \$4,340.70 was rummage sale income and \$619.80 was revenue from the bake sale and hot dog sales. This was a very good sale considering there were numerous garage sales competing with us around Dexter this particular weekend.

We distributed approximately 50 fliers in Dexter and the neighboring communities reaching as far as Ann Arbor, Saline, Chelsea and Pinckney. Also, Busch's and Country Market offered and placed 3,200 fliers in their grocery bags over the weekend prior to the sale. Paid advertising (which was managed by Elaine Owsley) was also placed in the neighboring Heritage-owned newspapers. The following advertising was placed on Monday prior to the sale: three sandwich boards were placed at the St. Andrew's Cemetery on Baker, Bob Mast's farm and the corner by the A & W. The 26 small stake signs were placed at various locations on the main streets leading into Dexter. The banner was placed on the church premises on Ann Arbor Street one week prior to the sale.

We began accepting donations on Sunday, May 23 through the evening of Wednesday, June 8th at 9 p.m. Donations were accepted from members and their families and close friends providing the members screened the donations prior to accepting them.

Several worked every day unpacking, folding, sorting and pricing. Items which could be salvaged were washed and mended (if needed) so that all items were clean and in good shape to the best of our knowledge. All pricing was done in pairs as we have to continually remind ourselves that one person's discards may be another's treasure. During the week, workers were able to purchase from the merchandise (at full price). All items were sold at marked price on Friday, half price until 11 a.m. on Saturday, and then "make a deal" from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The bake sale was managed by Margaret Barrett and Joyce Waggoner. There was a wide variety of baked items as well as muffins, doughnuts, chips, lemonade, coffee and water. Hotdogs with sauerkraut were available after 10:30 both days. The baked goods and hotdogs brought in \$619.80. Hotdogs, buns and chips were donated by St. Andrew's members.

A permit to cook outside on the grill was obtained from the Washtenaw Health Department for \$67.00. The cost of the permit was covered by a donation from a member. We passed the inspection on the day of the sale with flying colors.

The objectives for 2010 were: 1) Accept enough donations, especially of larger items, to make the sale worthwhile and manageable. 2) Price items fairly, however in a range where money could be made and items sold. 3) Keep prices as marked prior to and on the first day of the sale, and half price the second day. 4) Exceed the revenue collected the previous year (we were hoping for \$5,000.) so that all the work which goes into preparation realized a generous income for the church.

Many thanks go out to the members who donated items for the sale, and to the faithful workers who donated their time during this very busy time of the year to sort, fold and price all these items. There were 36 members who gave a few hours or worked all week and during the sale days. Just a thank you is not enough because this sale would not have been as successful without all of them.

All left over items were donated to Purple Heart, who collected the boxes Saturday after the sale.

Roberta Cobb and Lil Burby
Co-chairpersons

Thank You For Sunday School!

I would like to say a very big thank you to all our members who have been such a great help to our children's Sunday school this year. With God's guidance we had a terrific year!

A special thank you goes out to our Christian Education committee for being so committed to our efforts. We have teachers like Carolyn Lowery who has taught at St. Andrew's for 20 years. Her experience has been wonderful. She taught our 5th and 6th grade student's with very meaningful discussions. Joanne Arft and Julie summers taught our 7th- 8th grade student's which also became a home for our high school student's.

What Sunday School could ever be the same without its helpers? In my class K-4th grades Elaine Milbocker, Shana Judit and Donlee Coss came with smiling faces and also a giving heart. God has continually been so gracious and ever present throughout our year. No Event could be complete without our families to always pitch in when help was needed. This is what Jesus meant when he spoke the words "to help the least of these." and to "Have faith like a child. This is a true gift from God and will always be in my heart. Thank you to those who donated to our program as well, from glue, paper, art supplies, flowers and time.

Your generosity is God's gift to our children. Have a blessed summer.



Denise Marshall
Sunday School Superintendent

Carpet Replacement Project Update

The carpet has been ordered and plans are underway to begin removing the old carpet in the Sunday school area, youth room, choir room, nursery and church office around **July 15 to July 17**. Dave Schmoekel, our Building and Grounds Chairperson, has agreed to head up this project. We invite **everyone** who can help to contact the church office for additional details. Not all of the work to be done will require brute strength; there will be plenty of furniture to be moved, sweeping, etc. that is an important part of the project.

Thank you in advance for your time to make this project a reality. This is something that we can all enjoy and be proud of!



Our Sympathies

Ruth Elda Koch, age 96, passed away quietly Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at the Evangelical Home in Saline. She was born on December 3, 1913 in Bunkerhill Township, MI. On February 14, 1942, she married Walter M. Koch. Ruth's greatest joy in life was her family. Mrs. Koch was a member of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ and was very active in the church, chairing committees and participating in church life prior to her move to Saline. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sisters and brothers-in-law. She is survived by her daughter Sue Koch, Chelsea, MI; her son and his wife Jim and Kathy Koch (Kemmerer), Whitmore Lake, MI; her granddaughter and her husband Kalyndra and Jason Craven, Lookout Mountain, GA; her great grandchildren Jordan, Brooke, and Jared Craven. A memorial service will follow at a later date.

Relay for Life Update

Relay for Life of Dexter is officially over. We are all looking forward to Relay 2011. I would like to thank you all again for your support of all of our fundraisers and to thank you for your generous giving on the two special offering Sundays. We took in \$1033.00 on those days. This tells us how important you feel cancer research is and I know in my heart we will someday conquer this dreaded disease that has taken away so many of our loved ones.

I hope some of you had a chance to visit our site at Relay. Next month I will have the total amount raised for the Sonshine Walkers of St. Andrew's.

Betty Davenport

Consistory Highlights for May 2010

Treasurer's Report: Barb Affholter reported that a church inventory has begun and she is trying to identify replacement values for insurance purposes. Arden Shafer will review the books, but it would not be an official CPA audit.

Youth Report: Alyssa Lowery was thanked for her service as the Youth Rep. this year. She reported that the painting auction earned \$150 and Teen Sunday School (Bible Study) continues through the summer.

Building & Grounds: There have been some issues with basement flooding at the parsonage. Scott Marshall handled the problem and Dave Schmoekel will be working to alleviate the issue. Dave is in the process of looking for a stove to replace the one moved to the parsonage.

Christian Education: Ray Lowery reported that Sunday School ended on May 23 and Adult Bible classes will continue through the summer. The scholarship committee will present three scholarships this year.

Music: Phil Stendel reported that the last day for choir will be June 20 and there will be another Congregational Choir on May 30.

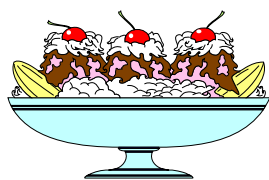
Outreach: Betty Davenport stated that the focus has been on Relay for Life and the fund raising has been going great.

Ushers: Rudy Gustafson reported that he needs ushers for the 4th Sunday of each month.

Cemetery Board: The old pump at the cemetery was removed and the hole was filled with dirt.

Old Business: Carpet for the basement. A price was given for carpeting the tiled hallway going to the Sunday School rooms, but due to cost that was not considered. Installation will probably be in July and we will need to pull up the old carpet ourselves.

New Business: Carol Jones reported on the ranking of proposed goals for the Consistory and the Church. Discussion followed on how some could be accomplished and direction was given to proceed with contacting lapsed members (number 1 on the goal list).



Ice Cream Social Returns!

The annual ice cream social will be held on **Thursday, August 5th** from 4-8 p.m. We will offer our usual assortment of tasty treats: Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, knockwurst and kraut, baked beans, German and American potato salad, fruit cups, beverages and off course plenty of ice cream and toppings!

Donation sign up sheets will be available in the fellowship hall in the next couple of weeks. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Judy Even and Ginny Weber for co-chairing this event again in 2010.

Parsonage Tenants Extend Lease

We are happy to announce Kevin and Heidi Lemon have extended their lease on the church parsonage for another year. They have been good tenants and we are pleased that they will occupy the church property for another year. They have two children: Andrew is 17 and Elizabeth who is 11.

Thank You, Debbie!

We extend our sincere appreciation to Debbie Phillips for baking the cakes for the special coffee hour to honor the 2010 Graduates. Debbie always adds special touches such as the names on the cakes and decorated icing. We appreciate your special effort to make this milestone in the lives of our youth a meaningful and memorable experience.

Kudos To...

Brandon Otto and Kevin Wheeler for maintaining the church and parsonage lawns.

Dave Schmoekel for cleaning and repairing the gutters on the parsonage and the church after the recent storms. We also appreciate his innovative design to solve the problem of water entering the parsonage basement when we have a torrential downpour!

Lil Burby and Roberta Cobb for doing such a fine job chairing the annual rummage sale, as well as to **Margaret Barrett and Joyce Waggoner** for coordinating the bake sale. They all worked so hard to make this a worthwhile event.

July Birthdays

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| 1 - Gladys Booth | 18 - Bob Burby | |
| 3 - Amy Baldus | 19 - Rachael Blacklaw | |
| 6 - Betty Davenport | - Ron Klumpp | |
| 8 - Joel Slavik | - Brandon Otto | |
| 9 - Gale Cobb | - Betty Jo Stendel | |
| 10 - Brenden Chalou | 20 - Edwin Egeler | |
| - Donna Kaercher | - Erwin Egeler | |
| - Susan Rotkowski | - Kathy Koch | |
| 11 - Veronika Buckley | 21 - Glen Geer | |
| - Norma McAllister | 25 - Paul Scherdt | 29 - Larry Clark |
| 13 - Judie Dioszegi | 27 - Carolyn Dancer | - Mary Anne Jaeger |
| - Michelle Oberholtzer | - Bill Gilbert | 30 - Laura Keefer |
| - Joseph Owsley | 28 - Scott Marshall | - Allan Elsasser |



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 a.m. Piece-Makers Quilting 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates 2:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	2	3
4 Independence Day 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc.	5 Office Closed	6 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates	7 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	8 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates	9	10
11 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 11:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting	12	13 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates	14 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting	15 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates <---- Carpeting Replacement ---->	16	17
18 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 11:30 a.m. Prayer Service Noon: Church Picnic/Potluck	19	20 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates Items due for August 2010 <i>Chronicle</i>	21 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	22 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates 2:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	23	24
25 8:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 10:30 a.m. Worship Svc. 2:00 p.m. Brecon Village	26	27 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates	28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 2:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Adult Study Group	29 10:00 a.m. Gentle Pilates 2:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	30	31

Our Thanks!

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards or wished us congratulations on our 65th wedding anniversary. Again, thank you to everyone.

Bob and Selma Mast

I would like to thank Joyce Waggoner for helping as co-chair for the bake sale held during the annual rummage sale in June. I would also like to thank the “helpers” who were Leola Ernst and Gerry Sharrar. The talents of our master-griller, Gale Cobb, were also enjoyed and appreciated. A special thank you to everyone who baked and donated items that were sold.

Margaret Barrett
Bake Sale Co-Chairperson

Thank You, Chronicle Contributors

Many thanks to all contributors to this issue:

Paula Allison-England	Margaret Barrett	Lil Burby	Roberta Cobb
Betty Davenport	Carol Jones	Ray Lowery	Denise Marshall
Bob & Selma Mast	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	Children's and adult Sunday School are both off during the summer Youth continue to meet during 10:30 a.m. worship
Nursery Available	during both services

There is a Coffee Hour following both services.