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**St. Andrew's United Church of Christ**

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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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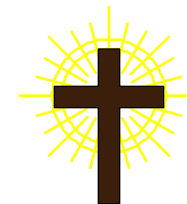
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**St. Andrew's Chronicle**

— February, 2008 —

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*A Message from the Pastor*



One of you forwarded to me a wonderful e-mail message. After tweaking it a bit myself, I now share it with all of you:

There is an absolute point to everything in life. Strive for the awareness of absolute Truth in all of your life and leave others to their opinions. Continually pray to God to perceive the Truth and to be able to drop all personal opinions. You will start to perceive the Divine Truth being shown to you by God if you just open yourself to the Truth. The Truth may be different than anything else you ever have thought, but it creates peace and love. Truth is Divine and absolute.

Respond to any conversation only if you have been directly and clearly invited to do so. Keep yourself out of other people's arguments. Get up and leave situations where people are just looking for the next occasion to jump on someone and verbally tear apart that person. There always are people who like fighting. It should be left to them if they wish to do so. You can decide to become free of any involvement in such situations by just leaving. If asked, say that you will return when the situation is peaceful again. Go for a walk or continue working, but keep yourself focused on Love.

Never discuss people who are not present. Talking about people always has the risk of creating confusion and misunderstandings. Confusion and misunderstandings happen because people never remember ALL of the facts; they may add something personal which might be offending or just a lie. The less you say, the less needs to be corrected later on. The consciousness of humankind within a physical

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of all that you remember will be absolutely correct. If the other person listening to you also remembers at best 80% of what you said, then there is an addition of your 20% error and their 20% error. That means the other person telling someone else what you have said will forward at best only 60% of the Truth; the rest may be misunderstandings, self-projection, imagination, or even lies. Thus, if someone forwards a story about you, it will cause confusion, turmoil and take a lot to correct.

If you strive to say 100% of the Truth, you will feel good. Always talk about situations that you have personally witnessed. Do so only if you have been asked and only if you are really sure it is for the benefit of all. Sometimes it is wiser to remain quiet even if you could add some true facts (from your point of view) to a particular discussion or situation.

Never accuse any other person, whatever the reason and cause may be. Even if you are an eye witness, you only witnessed a few seconds, minutes or hours, which is but a very brief glimpse from the perspective of eternity. The remainder of the story, however, is known to God, and God never accuses or judges anyone. We humans should copy God's behavior and stop accusing or judging anyone for whatever reason. One day you may find yourself at the other side of the story and encounter others accusing or judging you. If you understand that people know only a tiny little part of all of any story, it will lessen and may be even eliminate the negative impact when an untrue story is told about you.

In all you do be guided by the Love of God as taught and lived by Jesus, and you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

*Dr. Bob*

**Thank You**

On behalf of Dexter Family Services, I would like to thank St. Andrew's for providing four families with Thanksgiving dinners this past November. All of the families were very grateful for the assistance. They all said "thank you" many times. Once again, we thank you for your continued support to us in providing help to families in our community who are in need.

I would also like to thank you for your donation of mittens, gloves, and books this holiday season. With assistance from you and other local organizations we were able to help 47 families this year. As always, we are most appreciative of all the community support we receive.

*Susan Walsh*

**Wanted: Helpers For Their Community**

Drivers are needed for the Meals-on-Wheels program at the Dexter Senior Center. It only takes one afternoon a week, or even one afternoon a month. Get some friends together and volunteer. Warm up your heart on these cold winter days.

Drop in to the Senior Center or call Cindy at (734) 426-5397 for more information.

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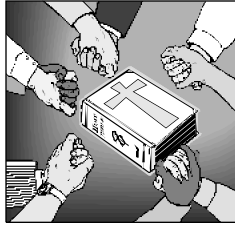
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## One Great Hour of Sharing

*“Sharing Changes Lives -  
Including Our Own”*

**Offering Collected on  
Sunday, March 2, 2008**



Enclosed in this issue of the *Chronicle* you will find information and an offering envelope for the One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering that will be collected on Sunday, March 2 at both worship services.

Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing share God’s love with people in over 80 countries, changing both their lives and your own. By giving, you will join others in:

- rebuilding communities ravaged by natural disasters;
- creating sustainable sources of food and water for rural villages;
- providing micro-credit so women can start poverty-escaping businesses;
- teaching trades and job skills to people maimed by landmines;
- offering children a chance to survive past the age of 5 and attend school;
- and so much more.

By participating in One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 2, we join together to make a world of difference in the lives of our neighbors.

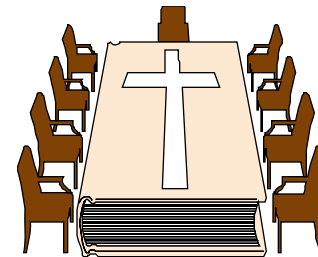
*When the world feels as though it’s falling to pieces around you, God offers you a place of peace inside you.*

## Christian Education News

Lenten Series 2008: Please join us for this year’s weekly Lenten series which will begin on **Wednesday evening, February 13th** at 6:30 p.m. This historical video series will provide us with a firsthand look at the world which existed during the life and times of Jesus. You are invited for dinner at 6:00 p.m. We will provide the main course. Please bring a side dish and join us for this time of fellowship. There will be a short time of worship following supper and then our video series and a time for discussion.

A Bible Study for men will begin after Easter on Wednesday evenings. The first topic for this time of discussion and fellowship will be the Book of Acts. Stay tuned for more details.

The youth of our church recently sent 7 boxes of “goodies” to the troops and would like to thank you for continuing to generously donate these items. We have received one letter from the captain of the new battalion, Josh Campbell. The letter is posted in the fellowship hall.



## Annual Meeting Coming Up!

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew’s United Church of Christ is planned on **Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the 10:15 worship service.

The 2007 Annual Report has been sent to members via the US Mail service. If you did not receive a copy, please notify the church office ASAP so that the report can be sent for your review.

This has been an amazing year for St. Andrew’s Church. Please plan to attend this “year in review” meeting on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## *Reach Out Beyond Our Church*

As we look forward into this new year for St. Andrew's, and the 125th year of our church's history, let's think about doing for others - about service and outreach and what it means.

We have been fairly generous over the past couple of years. Not extra generous, just pretty good. Our generosity at St. Andrew's, however, often takes the form of throwing money at good causes. We don't get involved on a physical level either locally, within our own denomination or with other churches on a wider front.

We don't go out of our way or even physically out of our church, to "do unto others". We stay safely at home and write a check or put money in the plate, or bring clothing or food to the church. Our rummage sale requires people to come to us, rather than an effort that would take help to them.

Within our own conference and among our own denominational churches in the area, people are going outside the church to help others. They work with Habitat for Humanity, they take mission trips to poor communities in this country and even other countries to put their backs and arms into efforts to make things better for someone else.

Our youth could take part in these projects, we adults could lend a hand - many of us are able and not a few of us have professional skills to build and repair and refurbish. What is keeping us back?

While the cold weather is here, put some thought and prayer into what you could do, come spring. How far are you willing to go for the "least of these, our brothers"? We will be letting you know about where there are opportunities outside St. Andrew's through the conference or in concert with other churches in the area. Let's see if we can't reach farther with our hands and hearts and not just our pocketbooks.

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## *Thanks to Pati's Helpers*

Thank you for all the office assistance over the past two months!

December 3, 2007: Help with December *Chronicle*

Margaret Barrett      Carole Weber  
Garnet Winquest      Ginny Weber

December 5, 2007: Help assembling budget letter to congregation

Margaret Barrett      Denise Marshall  
Joyce Waggoner

January 9, 2008: Help with January *Chronicle*

Barb Baldus      Carole Weber  
Shirley Cobb      Denise Marshall

Late Dec./Early Jan: Preparing 2008 offering envelopes to distribute

Carole Weber      Ginny Weber

January 25, 2008: Help collating & putting annual report together

Margaret Barrett      Joanne Arft  
Denise Marshall      Ginny Weber

January 25-26, 2008: Collate and label annual report envelopes

Peggy Otto

January 25-26, 2008: Send annual reports, offering envelopes

Peggy Otto      Brandon Otto

January 29, 2008: Label & add postage to Valentines event  
postcard mailing

Terri Gustafson      Kay Walters (Terri's sister-in-law)

All of your help is greatly appreciated!

*Pati Wheeler*



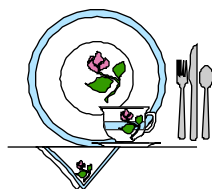
## *Valentine Vows and Songs of Love*

Don't miss out on Love, Laughter, and a Luscious Meal. St. Andrew's is hosting a Valentine's event on **Friday, February 15**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a meal of marinated chicken breasts, cheesy au gratin potatoes, green bean almandine, tossed salad, assorted cheesecakes, and a chocolate fountain.

The Chordiology quartet will be providing their award-winning music to entertain during the meal. Afterward, anybody interested may renew their wedding vows.

Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Purchase tickets after the 10:15 a.m. Sunday worship service, or call (734) 426-8610. Purchase them soon, because the deadline for tickets is Sunday, February 10!

## *Join Us For Some Wonderful Dinners*



The monthly dinners are always a crowd pleaser! Listed below is a schedule of the upcoming features through May, 2008:

**February 7:** Sauerkraut and Knoeffles

**March 6:** Corned Beef and Cabbage

**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.

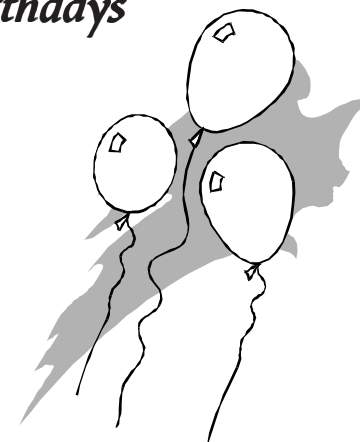
Please join us for a tasty meal on the first Thursday of each month.

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Jesus invited people to "come unto me". For us, his followers, he said "Go! ye unto all the world". Can we start, away from St. Andrew's doorstep, in 2008?

## *February Birthdays*

- 1 - Theresa Jackson
- 3 - Scott Baldus  
- Cindy Strudgeon
- 4 - Ruth Ann Luckhardt
- 7 - Shanna Judit  
- Emily Mosher  
- Peggy Otto
- 8 - Courtney Thompson  
- Suzanne Van Natter
- 9 - Ann Shoop
- 11 - Kathy York
- 12 - Eric Erdman
- 13 - Jessica Oberholtzer
- 14 - Bill Nixon  
- Carole Weber
- 15 - Darcy Stoll  
- Kyle Slavik



16 - Bill Allegra

17 - Jenny Mace

18 - Benjamin Wheeler

20 - Cheryl Erdman

- Sarah Even

22 - Hyun-Jin Choi

23 - Angela Chabot

- Erin Schillinger

Please contact the church office if we have overlooked any members.

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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>	<b>2</b> 5:00 p.m. Youth Cookie Baking 7:00 p.m. Glen Geer Square Dancing
<b>3</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services with Communion 7:00 p.m. Youth	<b>4</b> 7:00 p.m. All Committee Night Meetings	<b>5</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday 6</b> 7:00 p.m. Service w/ Imposition of Ashes 7:45 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Dinner – S-kraut & Knoeffles	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services 11:15 a.m. Annual Meeting	<b>11</b> 7:00 p.m. 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Committee Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> See Below, plus: 6:00 Lenten Dinner 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>Valentine's Day 14</b> 9:00 a.m. Piece- Makers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Glen Geer Square Dancing
<b>17</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services 7:00 p.m. Modern Worship + Youth	<b>President's Day 18</b> 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:00 p.m. Consistory	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Curriculum Meeting	<b>20</b> See Below, plus: 6:00 Lenten Dinner 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Piece- Makers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services 7:00 p.m. Youth	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> See Below, plus: 6:00 Lenten Dinner 6:30 Lenten Worship 7:45 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. Piece- Makers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	<b>29</b>	

Wednesdays, Feb. 13-27 also have: 1:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study  
3:30 p.m. Staff Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal