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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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***St. Andrew's - Our History***

*Editor's Note: With the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Andrew's just a year away, I thought I'd present a slice of our church's history each month. Thankfully, I can pull from the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book (so I don't have to dig to find the info).*

St. Andrew's UCC was originally the German Lutheran Church of Dexter. That church's 22 members first met in July of 1875, with Rev. Graupner conducting services at the Baptist Church. Rev. Graupner also served as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Chelsea at that time. Unfortunately, there are no records of the German Lutheran Church from 1876 until 1883.

On March 1, 1883, a meeting was held to organize a congregation, with Fred Jaeger acting as chairman and Jacob Hahn as secretary. They purchased the Hollis property (known at that time as "Piety Hill") on Ann Arbor Street at Fourth, on April 26, 1883. The old Hollis house was moved away and stones drawn in for the foundation of the new building.

On May 13, 1883, the German Lutheran Society was incorporated. Charles Bleicher and Jacob Haas were Deacons; Gottlieb Zahn, Gottlieb Andrew, and Jacob Trautwein were Trustees, and Fred Jaeger was Treasurer.

Three weeks later, on June 3, the cornerstone was laid for the church. Construction was quickly completed, and our first church building was dedicated on Sunday, October 14, 1883 with the Rev. Gottlieb as pastor. The church building was painted white, with green blinds. It had a capacity of 250 on seats of pine finished with a hard oil polish

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and trimmed with walnut. The octagonal pulpit was made of pine and cherry, and the choir occupied a handsome gallery because “Lutherans do not follow the modern practice of placing the choir near the pulpit as most churches do now.”

Morning services for the dedication were held in German, with afternoon services held in English with the Rev. William George addressing a large audience.

It isn't known exactly when the church came to be called St. Andrew's, but the first known baptism at St. Andrew's was Adolf Friedrich Gross on June 10, 1883. The first funeral service held at St. Andrew's Church was on February 29, 1884, for John Wiedman. And the first wedding at St. Andrew's was Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Wallenmeir, in 1884.

Rev. Gottlieb Robertus continued to serve as pastor at St. Andrew's until 1888, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Carl C. Haag.

## *Neighbors in Need Offering*

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and service projects.

We will receive the NIN offering on **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** as part of our World Communion observance. A designated offering envelope and informational flyer are included in this issue of the Chronicle. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

Thank you in advance for your generous participation to this important mission offering.

## *Way to Go, St. Andrew's!*

Good blood drive in September 2007! We collected 39 pints on a goal of 30 and close to 60 people came through. Some left because of the long wait. We will get an extra nurse at our next drive, according to Jerry at Red Cross.

We are going to add a drive on **January 7, 2008** to try to build up the post-holiday shortage. We want to emphasize in all our publicity that nurse staffing is based on the number of appointments made. If people can make a best guess as to what time they will come and make an appointment, everyone will get through more quickly — even if people with appointments aren't right on time.

Thanks for all your work and I'll be in touch about the next drive after Thanksgiving!

*Margaret Bredan*



## *Daylight Savings Time Ends*

Just a reminder that daylight savings time ends **November 4**. Don't forget to fall back an hour!

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## *November Monthly Dinner*

Unfortunately, the October *Chronicle* wasn't out in time for the October monthly dinner. But don't forget that on **Thursday, November 1**, we'll be serving our traditional Turkey Dinner in honor of the coming Thanksgiving. 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 food.

## *We'll Miss You, Margaret*

**Margaret Ann Henes** passed away on September 7th, 2007 at the age of 92. Margaret graduated from Dexter High School in 1932, and shortly thereafter married Lawrence "Doc" Henes, who preceded her in death in 2001.

Mrs. Henes was an active, life-long member of St. Andrew's Church and was a Sunday school and Vacation Bible school teacher for many years. She had a beautiful voice and enjoyed singing in the choir.

Mrs. Henes was preceded in death by her children, Nancy (Steinbach) Sell, Karen Rodriguez, and David Henes. She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members and many friends who have special memories of all the wonderful ways she made them feel loved and special.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Towsley Village Chapel at the United Methodist Retirement Community in Chelsea and was officiated by The Rev. Beth Foster. Mrs. Henes was buried in the Bethlehem U.C.C. Cemetery in Ann Arbor next to her beloved husband, Lawrence and her cherished son, David the following day.

## *From the Christian Education Corner*

I would like to make our congregation aware of a group of very hard working and dedicated members. These women comprise the Sunday School Curriculum Planning Committee. We meet on the third Tuesdays of the month to plan the Sunday School lesson for the next 4 week rotation. Our Sunday School is blessed to have their expertise and enthusiasm for the program. The next time you see Peggy Otto, Denise Marshall, Lisa Murphy, Carolyn Lowery or Cathy Short, please take a moment to thank them. They surely are a blessing to our congregation.

Wonderful News!! We have received the last letter from the unit of soldiers in Baghdad to whom we have been sending packages. They are coming home! They will be back in the United States by the end of September. The letter from Captain Middaugh is hanging up with the others in the fellowship hall. He wrote that he and the others would like to meet us and we are going to plan an event that will be open to all to come and meet these special men and women. Please watch for the upcoming date and time for this wonderful opportunity to extend our hand of Christian fellowship.

Bible Study and opportunities for discussion continue to be offered at the following times:

Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Study group

Thursday: 3:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study and discussion group

**"Parenting Your Teenager"**: a Scripture based 4 week course is being presented on Sunday evenings, October 7 – October 21, at 7:00 p.m., and October 28 at 7:45 p.m. (due to the contemporary service at 7:00 p.m.). This is an interactive series led by Dr. Bob Summers and Julie Boyd, L.P.C., M.A. If you have teenagers, this is for you!

*Joanne Arft*

## 2007 Sauerkraut Supper

This year we made a few exciting changes in our Sauerkraut Supper. I'll bet you can't wait to find out! Please mark your calendars to join us for dinner on **Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**. Our Fellowship Hall is beautiful and the food promises to be as good as, if not better, than ever.

We are actively recruiting help. There are many jobs to do in preparation for our annual event or, if you'd rather work at the event, we'll find a place for you. Also needed are chairpersons for the following committees:

Kitchen 2, Set Up, Clean Up, Sauerkraut, Table Seating and Take Out.

In the past our Youth Group managed Take Out but this year some of them would like to try something new. Thank you to the Youth for a job well done! Sign up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to volunteer, ask questions, or buy tickets, please call Denise Marshall at 475-1091, Judy Even at 426-3796, or Pati Wheeler at the church office 426-8610.



Please plan to join us on **Sunday, October 21** for a special Homecoming Sunday worship service at 10:15 a.m. (There will only be one worship service that day.) Our children's choir will be providing the main anthem, with the adult choir also sharing their musical gifts during the service.

Following the worship service, we will have an anniversary celebration "kick off" in the Dexter Historical Museum (our "old" church).

We look forward to seeing you at the Homecoming Worship Service.

## October Birthdays

- 5 - Lillie Burby
- 6 - Earl Affholter
- 7 - Lance Barnes  
- Erika Nestor
- 10 - Nicole Swisher
- 11 - Barbara Burns  
- Alyssa Lowery  
- Laura Oberholtzer
- 12 - Andrew Weber
- 14 - Derek Mosher  
- Walter Orth
- 16 - Jeff Elsasser  
- Pati Wheeler
- 17 - RuthAnn Gould  
- Andrew Bensinger



- 20 - Jennie Breuninger
- 21 - Allan Blair
- 22 - Jackie Mitchell
- 25 - Gerri VanDoren
- 27 - Gerald Smith  
- Kevin Wheeler
- 30 - Charles Mosher

## Giving Statements to be mailed soon!

Just a reminder that giving statements for offerings made through September 30, 2007 will be mailed during the first week in October. You can find out at any time what your giving status is by contacting Pati Wheeler at 426-8610. She will be happy to answer any questions and provide you with the information you are seeking.

Statements will be mailed to everyone who has made a contribution to the church in 2007. If you have made contributions and do not receive a statement, please let Pati know so that the matter can be checked into.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of St. Andrew's Church.

## *Sunday School News*

In September our Sunday School had a great time learning about how special God made each and every one of us. We enjoyed the VeggieTales movie of the week and the crafts afterwards. Each week those in attendance added a flower to the flower pots on the wall and our garden is growing!

Our topic for October is Prayer. We will be learning why God wants us to pray and how to pray and we will be making a prayer rug along with other crafts. Sunday School is for our youth ages 2 – high school. Sunday School takes place during the 10:15 worship service and provides a great time of learning and fun.

## *Life Line Screening Scheduled*

On **Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** the Life Line Screening program will be conducting stroke prevention screening in the fellowship hall from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-324-1851.

You will find an informational flyer in this issue of the *Chronicle* that contains pricing information for the different procedures that are available for screening.

## *St. Andrew's Adopts a Child*

St. Andrew's has participated in "Adopt a Student" through Faith in Action. There were 105 children in need of school supplies, and we "adopted" a first-grade girl. A list was given to us of the classroom supplies needed.

The Outreach Committee purchased all of the items on the list, as well as donating a \$25 Target gift card and \$40 toward reconditioning a computer for her family.



## *Join St. Andrew's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee*

125th Anniversary Celebration Committee will meet **Monday, October 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Project groups will be formed and final plans for the launching of the year's celebration will be discussed. Anyone who hasn't previously attended and would still like to participate on the Committee is welcome.

*Marie Pleuss*

## *125<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Kick-Off Sunday*

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration "kick-off" Sunday will be **October 21, 2007**. We will celebrate our beginning with the coffee hour in the Dexter Historical Museum (our "old" church) after the church service.

Please join us this day to celebrate our historical beginning and to start sharing our memories of our past.

*Marie Pleuss*

## *The Anniversary Committee needs you!!*

Are you creative? Have any ideas? Help celebrate the 125th anniversary of St. Andrew UCC!! We are having a "contest" for the logo signifying our 125th anniversary. This would be used on shirts etc. for the celebration in 2008. Submit your ideas to the church office by **October 28, 2007**. The anniversary committee will make the final decision and a \$50.00 savings bond will be awarded the winner. Put on your thinking caps and bring us your ideas!

*Barb Affholter*

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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> 7 p.m. All Committee Night Meetings	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1 p.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>4</b> 9 a.m. Piece-makers Quilting Group 3 p.m. Ladies Bible 5 p.m. Dinner	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dexter Daze 7 p.m. Glen Geer Square Dancing
<b>7</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Parenting	<b>8</b> 7 p.m. Anniversary Committee meets	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Adult Study	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. Piece-makers Quilting Group 3 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	<b>12</b> < - - - - Ladies Spring	<b>13</b> Hill Retreat - - - - > 1-5 p.m. Susan Stoker / Betty Lesser event
<b>14</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Parenting	<b>15</b> 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:00 p.m. Consistory	<b>16</b> 7 p.m. Sunday School Curriculum	<b>17</b> 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>18</b> 5 p.m. Sauerkraut Supper	<b>19</b> 6 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Blacklaw / Gramza	<b>20</b> 5 p.m. Wedding Elise Blacklaw / Tim Gramza 7 p.m. Glen Geer
<b>21</b> <b>Homecoming Svc.</b> 10:15 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Parenting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1 p.m. Ladies Bible 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. Piece-makers Quilting Group 3 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 12 p.m. Consistory Retreat at Camp Talahi
<b>28</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services 7 p.m. Contemp Svc 7:45 p.m. Parenting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Halloween</b> 8 a.m. Lifeline Screening Event 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir			