



Mini-Messenger

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the Saint Andrew

Sunday Worship: 8:30 + 11:00 am

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
9 am to 4 pm

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
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A Big Thank You!

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News + Events

Women's Retreat

This Sunday, January 29, is the deadline to register for the 2012 Women's Retreat, February 10 & 11 at St. Andrew. Our guest speaker is Rev. Emory Gillespie (wife of Rev. Bob David, who served as interim pastor at St. Andrew). The retreat features Breakout Sessions on a variety of topics, including art history, a Bible study on the Lord's Prayer, tips for better parenting, how to support friends who are hurting, a service project, crafts, exercise and more. You can come for Friday evening (\$15), all day Saturday (\$30), or both (\$45). Registration forms are at the Welcome Table. Bring a friend and give yourself a break from your routine winter schedule! For more information, call the church office, 319/338.7523, or e-mail hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org.

A Big Thank You!

Come celebrate Colleen Jacobson's 20+ years of service to SAPC! Please join the Personnel Team between services this Sunday, January 29 for a reception in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to express your thanks to Colleen, share a gift of cash. You may send your gift to SAPC in care of Rebecca Schuchert with "Colleen Jacobson" in the memo line. This would be a tax-deductible donation for you and reported as income for Colleen. Or you may choose to give a check or cash directly to Colleen. This would not be tax-deductible to you, but would not be taxable income for Colleen.

If you have any questions, you can contact Barb Fleckenstein (co-chair of the Personnel Team) at barb.fleckenstein@gmail.com.

Adult Education Update "Mission Emphasis"

January 29: St. Andrew has for many years contributed to the ministry, outreach and service programs of Hillcrest Family Services, headquartered in Dubuque and sponsored by the United Methodist Church and our PC(USA) midwest Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Ms. Carol Jefferson will represent Hillcrest and explain how St. Andrew's outreach is extended by the Hillcrest programs in our community, and beyond. This class is meeting in room 305.

January 29: In the North Wing, Kerri Goers will continue leading the study of "Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith," an energetic study of spiritual growth based on the book and DVD by Pastor Andy Stanley. This class is meeting in room 310.

Thank You All!

Danetta was very ill and on December 14 she was taken to the emergency room at Mercy Hospital. She was then transferred to ICU where she stayed for 11 days. On December 28, she was discharged. Many people prayed for her during this time and we thank each and every one of them for their support. A special thanks to the Pastors. Also our love and thanks be to Jesus for her healing. By the grace of God she is now home and doing better. Our love, Bob and Danetta Humplby.

Where are the green hymnbooks?

Wondering where the green books went? They are currently being stored in the choir room, but will be back soon for some of your favorite songs.

Presbyterian Men Meeting

The St. Andrew Presbyterian Men will be having their breakfast meeting to discuss their annual allocation of funds at 8:00 am, Saturday, February 4 at St. Andrew. For further information, please contact Graham Dameron at graham3076@gmail.com or phone at 319/337.9270.

Annual Souper Bowl Luncheon

Sunday, February 5 after the 11:00 am service. \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of 3 or more. All profits go to Iowa City Crisis Center Featuring: Homemade chicken noodle soup and potato soup. This year we will also be having our **First Chili Cook-off Contest!** Make your special batch of chili in a crockpot and enter our contest. Diners will vote for their favorite. Trophy to be awarded. To enter, call Lori Hudson at 319/512.7066.

Annual DeGowin Blood Drive

The annual DeGowin Blood Drive at St. Andrew will be Sunday, February 26, from 12-4 pm. Once again we will be offering a "pie for a pint". Our goal this year is 34 units. If you would like to donate a pie for this event, please email Jan Taylor jantaylorj@aol.com or Susie Engelhardt smengelhardt@earthlink.net. Sign up sheets to donate blood will be in the Narthex.

Stephen Ministry

If you desire a Stephen Minister, please contact Margie Loomer margieloomer@yahoo.com or 319/351.2420, Bill Ford wdford@mchsi.com or 319/354.1834, or one of our pastors.

Have you paid your Per Capita?

Per Capita is a way for individual churches to share in the expenses incurred by the larger PC(USA) church. It supports the important work of the General Assembly as well as the work of our synods and presbyteries. Churches are assessed a fee based on confirmed members. Again this year, we are asking that each confirmed member in your household to contribute their own Per Capita fee. Please remit \$32 per confirmed member for 2012 and write "Per Capita" in the memo line. Thank you for your help in covering this operating expense.

Serving Opportunities

Help Needed

Iowa Valley Habitat For Humanity will build a Circle of 12 Home in the summer of 2012, which will be a faith-based, youth-oriented effort. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (through MOS) has agreed to assist both financially and with volunteer building support. We are forming a committee to support this build, through fundraising and coordinating volunteers, and we want you! We are looking for all ages, with a heart for making affordable housing a reality. If interested in learning more, please call Becka Simpson at 319/936.6939 or email b.yucuis@gmail.com or reach Jan Taylor at jantaylorj@aol.com.

Casseroles on Call

New items are needed for the casseroles on call freezer! We will try to rotate items so that food doesn't stay there past its prime. Please consider a donation of a casserole, soup or other goodies to this ministry. Label it with the ingredients, and the date the food was made, and place it in the freezer just inside the kitchen door. Add the item to the list on the freezer door. Then when you hear of someone sick or in need, USE it!

January Clothing Drive

This is the last Sunday for the sweat clothes clothing drive at St. Andrew for the UIHC psychiatric in-patients. Just adult sizes. Only sweats are needed (pants and shirts), no shoes or outdoor wear. A box will be in the Narthex. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. Any questions or concerns may be directed to: Marcia Murphy: 319/333.6510 or murphyma@mchsi.com.

Children's + Youth Ministries

Preparing for Communion

"Preparing for Communion," a potluck lunch and class for children and their parents, will be held at noon this Sunday, January 29. This class is for families who are considering whether their children are ready to receive communion. The Presbyterian Church has no policies or rules about exact age—the decision is entirely up to parents. Also, it's not necessary for children to participate in this class in order to receive communion. The class is optional. Parents and children who attend will learn the significance of communion, the behind-the-scenes details of how communion is prepared at St. Andrew, and will complete a hands-on project together. To participate, sign up at the Welcome Table in the Narthex, call the church office 319/338.7523, or e-mail



hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org. A parent must attend with the child. The class includes a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share.

Mark your Calendars!

Summer programs at St. Andrew:

Stronghold (for junior high students): June 10-15.

Vacation Bible School (for children who will enter kindergarten– 6th grade in fall of 2013): June 18-22.

Youth choirs' trip to St. Louis: June 22-24.

FAITHS (for students entering 7th-12th grade): June 25-29.

Pittsburgh Project (for high school students): June 30-July 10.

Watch for registration forms this spring.

For now, save the dates!

Lighthouse LIT Leadership Summit

6th graders who are serving as Leaders in Training at Lighthouse will participate in a Leadership Summit from 6 to 8 pm Sunday, Feb. 19. At our first Leadership Summit in November, the Lighthouse LITs explored Scripture passages that describe leadership qualities, planned activities for future Lighthouse meetings, and discussed how to improve this ministry program. On Feb. 19, the 6th graders will gather for dinner, assess their skills as leaders and help plan future Lighthouse meetings. LITs who plan to attend should RSVP to Heather or Kristen.

Groups + Communities

The Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

group meets each week from 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Each meeting includes an excellent breakfast (only \$2), warm fellowship, and spiritual perspectives. Newcomers are always welcome.

Information is available from Bill Ford at 319/354.1834.

Singing Valentine

The IMS Chamber Singers are offering Singing Valentines on February 14 for your special person! The Valentine package for an individual will consist of two songs, a flower and a photo for \$35. The Chamber Singers will also sing songs for a group for \$60. The songs this year are *You Are the New Day* by King Singers, *I Will Be There* by Steven Curtis Chapman, *In the Still of the Nite* as recorded by Boys II Men. To reserve a singing valentine call the school office at 319/656.2073.

Attention College Students

Looking for something fun to do over Spring Break? Want to do something to help others? Why not travel to the exotic city of Pittsburgh, PA and help do minor home repair to those most vulnerable? Ben Halsch, Youth Director at Shueyville United Methodist Church has organized a trip leaving March 10 (Saturday) and returning March 16 (Friday). The cost is approximately \$325. The Pittsburgh Project is now full. There is a waiting list, please email to be put on the list: Bhalsch@shueyvillechurch.org



Winter Weather Cancellations

If the Iowa City Community School District cancels classes due to winter weather (including early dismissal), then all St. Andrew programs scheduled for that day or evening will also be canceled. This includes the church office, although some staff members may be present in the building. Please check our website or the [KCRG website](http://www.kcrg.org) for updated information about any cancellations or closings.