

St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Marietta, Georgia

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Our Mission Statement

St. Andrew United Methodist Church strives to be a family of caring, nurturing followers of Jesus Christ welcoming all those seeking to know and grow in God's service.

April 2024

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. We have made it through the six weeks of Lent in preparation for Resurrection Sunday and the season of Easter. We traveled with Peter's wandering heart through enthusiasm, doubt, fear, denial, and bewilderment. And maybe we experienced those same things on our Lenten journey. But we have arrived at the day that we've been all waiting for...the empty tomb. God's ultimate victory over death and our own sinfulness through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If this were a movie, the credits would be about to roll. But this isn't a movie. This is real life. And the story isn't over yet. Of course, there's the fact that Easter is a season in our church calendar that lasts 50 days. Even then, the story isn't over. So, you may be asking yourself, "What comes next?"

I think we can take our cue from Mary and the disciples. It's our time to enter the story. Mary proclaimed on that first Easter morning, "I have seen the Lord." And she did not keep that news to herself. She told those who would listen.

She has encountered the risen Lord...the Lord of victory, the Lord of hope, the Lord of Life. That was good news then, and it still is. She didn't keep it to herself, and neither should we.

Jesus is lord, and as such has unimaginable power. And yet time and time again, he told the disciples to do things that he could have easily accomplished by saying the word. He could've commanded the fish to jump into the boat, but he told the disciples to cast out their nets. (See John 21) He could've restored the blind man's sight simply by declaring, "See!" But he covered his eyes in mud made with Jesus' spit and then told the man exactly where to go wash it off. (See John 9) Jesus uses partners in this work.

We step into this story now as a kingdom partner. It is now our turn to declare, "I have seen the Lord!" to a world that needs hope, signs of victory, and abundant life.

Because Easter isn't a day. It isn't a season. It is the way of Jesus Christ. As his disciples, we are Easter people who believe in the hope of resurrection, eternal life here on earth and the hereafter, and the kingdom of God. For we are people who have seen the Lord. Go and declare it.

Peace & grace,

Dana



From the Sr. Associate Pastor's Desk

Spring Is Here

Spring is in the air. After months of winter chill and ivy-cold mornings, nature is starting to thaw. Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, birds are singing, and warm winds are wafting. The sky is bluer, and the grass is greener. It's certainly easy to behold the beauty of God's creation when it erupts in color, birdsong, and new life in the spring. It's not only a delight for our senses but uplifting for our souls.

In fact, recent studies suggest that living close to nature or "greenspace" has significant and wide-ranging health benefits, such as lower rates of cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes, and stress.

Observe the beauty of the trees, which were made pleasing to the eye and good for food (Gen. 2:9).

Take time to smell the roses and be amazed by the myriads of flowers with different colors and scents. There are more than 400,000 different types of flowering plants. Jesus told us to consider the lilies of the field, that even Solomon in all his splendor was not dressed like one of them (Matt. 6:28-29).

No matter how hard humans try, we can't replicate the science of making a plant from seed and causing it to grow, with the resulting blossom of color, texture, scent, and symmetry, as well as nectar and pollen, food for the birds and bees.

Consider the blue sky. Peaceful, soft blue colors cause the body to produce calming chemicals. In fact, blue is the most calming color in the world. Strong blues stimulate clear thought, and softer blues calm the mind and aid concentration. If the sky was red we would all have higher blood pressure.

In Psalm 23 we read God makes us lie down in green pastures. Green is perhaps the most perfect contrast color. It reflects nature and vitality. According to scientists, there are at least a million hues of green that the human eye can perceive. (Being able to distinguish between them is another story).

As well as the physical beauty of God's creation, we also have the ability to appreciate the musical beauty. There are about 830 species of birds in Australia and almost 200 in New Zealand, including a variety of songbirds. Their songs are highly complex and can contain dozens of notes per second, and they never sing out of key!

So next time you find yourself outdoors, take time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation this Spring, and meditate on His wisdom and creativity. And why don't you plan some quiet time with God in His cathedral of creation.

"Creation is awe-inspiring because it reflects the infinite wisdom and power of the One who conceived it." - Dean Ohlman. Yes, He made everything beautiful in its time (Eccl 3:11)

In His Service,
Terry Phillips

Welcome New Members:
Chuck & Dawn Wilson
(By transfer from another
Denomination)



FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

APRIL 12TH
11:30AM KEHELEY CENTER
MEAT PROVIDED-BRING A DISH TO SHARE

PROGRAM:
DS JESSICA TERRELL AND TERRY WALTON WILL
DISCUSS UPCOMING UMC CONFERENCE

CONTACT MARY PHILLIPS FOR DETAILS AT
MEPTLP@HOTMAIL.COM

ADULTS 50 AND OLDER ARE INVITED



From the Associate Pastor's Desk

Grace without truth is hypocrisy. Truth without grace is brutality.

One of my dearest friends and colleagues in ministry has often shared these words in conversations, preaching, and teaching contexts. And they always pack a holy punch for me. What is it that draws you to the gospel and the person of Jesus Christ? His grace? His truth? I don't believe it's supposed to be a bifurcated walk of faith where we arrogantly walk around as either/or people. We see both from Christ and we need both from Christ. Both grace and truth from His power to be able to live them out in a beautiful tension in our lives of faith, seeking to follow Jesus.

Many of us grew up in homes and/or churches where conflict was about the same as heresy - unacceptable! But as we know, where there are people, relationships, and community - there will be hard seasons, difficult conversations, and conflict. There will be the deep need for the truth of who Jesus is and who He calls us to be. That sort of honesty is hard and holy.

And we don't have much hope for ourselves or others without covering in grace the fullness of what it means to be honest with ourselves and others. The grace of Jesus saves us abundantly, richly, and wildly - to infinity and beyond. Before I get on my self-righteous high horse about how I'm better than someone else, I would do well to remember: *there but for the grace of God go I.*

As believers, are we called to honesty and accountability? Of course. Does what we say and how we say it - the intention of our hearts, the passive aggressiveness, the tone of our words - matter? Resoundingly, yes. People will know Christ in us by knowing us by our love for Him and our love for others. Especially those who are vulnerable and/ or hard to love. *Especially those who are vulnerable and/ or hard to love.* Repeating for myself here.

So as we celebrate the power of resurrection and new life in Christ, may we live it out in both grace *and* truth.

In Christ,
Beth+

Soul Care will meet Monday, April 8 (**note the date change this month!**) at 7 p.m. in the Keheley building atrium. Rev. Beth's mom will be our special guest as she teaches on scripture memorization as a spiritual practice. All are welcome! Contact Beth at beth@thepumpkinchurch.org for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

OCT. 4-6, 2024

**ST. ANDREW UMC
WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**FORREST HILLS RESORT
DAHLONEGA, GA**

REGISTRATION WILL START IN APRIL

As you received Christ Jesus
the Lord, so walk in him.
Colossians 2:6

ST. ANDREW UMC
Children's Ministry



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL— June 24-27

9:00am—Noon

Age 4 years (by Sept. 1st and potty trained)— 6th grade

Join us for a VBS Summer Camp Adventure!

Registration fee is \$40 per child which covers snacks, crafts, activities and t-shirt!

Register at: www.myvbs.org/standrewumc2024



NEW THIS YEAR: VBS After Care
Camp Firelight S'more Fun!

June 24-27 Noon-3pm—
Monday-Thursday cost \$120

Children registered for VBS can stay for S'more fun at VBS after care!

Children will participate in s'more games, crafts, music and science. Space is limited.

For children staying after VBS please send a lunch and water bottle.

Register with your VBS registration at :
www.myvbs.org/standrewumc2024

Payment is due at time of registration please.

If minimum enrollment is not met, we reserve the right to cancel a camp session and issue a full refund.

Adults and Youth (rising 7th grade and older)




We need your help at VBS! June 24-27

Please see where you can help and register to volunteer by going to:
www.myvbs.org/standrewumc2024


CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS 10-10:50am.

Join us for Sunday School!
3 and 4 year olds (Room #3).
Kindergarten—2nd grade (Room #9)
3rd-5th grade (Community Room)



Please drop off and pick up your Sunday Schooler in the rooms listed above! During Sunday School the children will be learning stories from the Bible through hands-on activities, crafts, and games from Truewaykids.com .


CHILDREN'S CHOIR—9:30-10am Sunday Morning (room #9) 4 year olds-5th grade please join us for Children's Choir! Our typical practice will have fun movement and warm-up exercises, singing and reflection to connect the songs that we are singing to a Bible story, biblical theme or Psalm.



Choir Practice April 14th, 21st, 28th, and May 5th, 12th.

We will sing on May 12th at the 11am Service!

For more information about our Children's activities and ministries please contact :
Ms. Regina –Children's Ministry Director at Regina@thepumpkinchurch.org





St. Andrew UMYF NEWSLETTER

April 2024



Our Mission: We the youth of St. Andrew come together with common beliefs to celebrate God's love with others. To do this, we create a fun and accepting atmosphere in the name of Jesus Christ.



That Which Has Taken Place...

- HAPPY EASTER SEASON! He has risen indeed!
- We took five middle schoolers and two high schoolers on the Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Glisson. Big thank you to Allison for planning it and to both Allison and Nick for chaperoning.
- We have begun the process of preparing pallets for the Pumpkin Patch...more on this below
- We hosted our first Parents Night Out community builder and fundraiser for our summer mission trip. Thirty five kids came and we raised \$600.

What's Next?

- **Sunday, April 7th**
 - Confirmation Class 10am in Youth House
 - Youth in Youth House 6-8pm : We will continue the process of preparing our pallets for the pumpkin patch. Wear clothing and a spirit in which you are willing to work and paint
- **Sunday, April 14th**
 - Confirmation Class 10am in Youth House
 - Parent Forum: 5-6pm (probably in the Sanctuary)
 - Think of this as a Youth State of the Union. Topics include:
 - the summer mission trip (July 7-12th)

Youth continued...

- changes coming to youth
- time for Q&A
- 6-8pm Youth in Youth House: We will continue the process of preparing our pallets for the pumpkin patch. Wear clothing and a spirit in which you are willing to to work and paint
- **Sunday, April 21**
 - Confirmation Class 10am in Youth House
 - Youth in Youth House 6-8pm : We will continue the process of preparing our pallets for the pumpkin patch. Wear clothing and a spirit in which you are willing to to work and paint
- **Sunday, April 28**
 - Confirmation Class 10am in Youth House
 - Youth in Youth House 6-8pm : We will continue the process of preparing our pallets for the pumpkin patch. Wear clothing and a spirit in which you are willing to to work and paint

*Please be on the look out in your in box for details of graduation Sunday (May 19th at the 11am service, luncheon to follow).

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Announcing the Pathfinder Class New Lesson Series: From the Cross of Christ to the Cross of Constantine - The First 300 Years of Christianity. Beginning Sunday, April 7, the Pathfinder Class will begin studying the Book of the Acts of the Apostles followed by the writings of the only contemporary historian whose works have survived that we may have the earliest (and only) records of the first 300 years, the writings of Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea. This is the period of time in which Christianity grew from a handful of disciples in Jerusalem to become the official faith of the Roman Empire and its Emperor, Constantine. Come and join us in **Room 130 at 10 am every Sunday as Rev Dr Jim McGrath** teaches this exciting story of the infancy of the people called Christians.

HAM IT UP FOR MISSIONS!



The Missions Committee is partnering with Honey Baked Ham to sell gift certificates to help raise funds for the many great organizations that St. Andrew UMC supports. Enjoy a nice family meal or give a gift card to a friend!

- Enjoy choosing your own HoneyBaked products.
- HoneyBaked Gift Cards can be used at HoneyBaked stores nationwide, to shop online, or to order from the HoneyBaked catalog.
- HoneyBaked Gift Cards never expire, and there are never any additional fees.
- In addition to a Honey Baked Ham, HoneyBaked Gift Cards can be used for Turkey Breast, side dishes, desserts, lunch or catering!

ORDER BEFORE APRIL 13!

WWW.HONEYBAKED.COM/FUNDRISING/THEPUMPKINCHURCHMISSIONS

APRIL 24

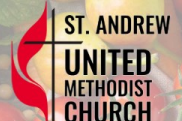
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

ADULTS: \$10
CHILDREN: \$5

5:30-6:30 PM

KEHELEY CENTER

JOIN US FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWED BY THE FOURTH REVIVAL WORSHIP SERVICE AT 7:00 PM





Revival is Coming!

April 21-24

5:30 pm Dinner & Fellowship

7:00 pm Worship Service

Sunday

Rev. Mark Jordan

St. Andrew Chancel Choir,

Out and About Choir,

St. Andrew Praise Band

Monday

Dr. Terrence Jones

The Greater Church Choir

Tuesday

Rev. Ann Mann

St. Andrew Praise Band

Wednesday

Rev. Dorcas Rodriguez

St. Andrew Chancel Choir



Cottage Prayer Meetings

Thursday, April 18 at 7pm

You are encouraged to attend a community prayer group in preparation for the revival. Choose the location closest to you. If you are unable to attend in person, join Rev. Dana online via Zoom (link to come).

Brad & Patti Bosworth
234 McLaren Gates Dr.
Marietta, GA 30060
404-274-8070

Lee & Elata Dowdy
2313 Snug Harbor NE
Marietta, GA 30066
770-881-4131

Jason & Christie Duhon
364 Windsong Way
Woodstock, GA 30188
678-209-7793

Mitzi Edge
612 Charing Cross Dr.
Marietta, GA 30066
770-757-5426

Edna Felmlee
4504 Patrick Dr.
Kennesaw, GA 30144
770-681-3786

Larry & Beverly Grimm
20 Emerson Hill Sq.
Marietta, GA 30060
404-353-6093

Don & Randy Miller
814 Springdale Crossing
Woodstock, GA 30189
770-317-2778

Michelle Paine
4818 Shallow Creek Dr.
Kennesaw, GA 30144
770-928-2519

Terry & Mary Phillips
408 Crestmont Lane
Canton, GA 30114
770-876-0016

Randee Senseney
620 Tonawanda Dr.
Marietta, GA 30066
770-656-4381



**MAKE 2024
THE YEAR THAT
YOU JOIN YOUR
BROTHERS IN
CHRIST IN THE
UMM**

**MEET EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
@ 9:00AM IN THE KEHELEY CENTER**

APRIL 13, 2024

WAYS UMM SERVES OUR COMMUNITY:

- MONTHLY MUST MINISTRY LUNCHEES FOR OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS
- THANKSGIVING FOOD FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED
- CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED
- EASTER FOOD FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED
- LUNCH MONEY HELP FOR BLACKWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
- SUPPORT TO BLACKWELL ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

FOR MORE INFORMATION, SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR UMM CHAPTER CO-PRESIDENTS:

ERIK PENVOSE - JEPENVOSE@GMAIL.COM

BRUCE FUERSTENBERG - BFBFUERST@GMAIL.COM



ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**THE
PAINE - KRUPILIS
OPEN**

SPONSORED BY ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST MEN

May 13, 2024 - 9:00am

**Eagle Watch Golf Club
Woodstock, Georgia**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL MISSIONS



Format: Four-Man Scramble

**You can also help by sponsoring a hole or flag
as well as by donating door prizes**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS SEE DIANE WOODS IN THE CHURCH OFF ICE
OR CALL BRUCE FUERSTENBERG AT (678) 371-6613**

**St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors**

**CARD MAKING RETURNS
MONDAY, MAY 6TH**



**MARY PHILLIPS
MEPTLP@HOTMAIL.COM**

WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

**Save the Date!
Bunco Night
June 28**



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

**FRIDAY
APRIL 5
NOON**

ALL WOMEN INVITED!

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.

In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
EDNA FELMLEE
FELMLEEE@GMAIL.COM**



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

RUTH CIRCLE - APRIL 22 AT NOON

Keheley Center Fellowship Hall

Carol Haisten will give a presentation on the Haiti school.

Bring your lunch.

For more information contact
Edna Felmlee at
felmlee@gmail.com

ESTHER GATHERING - JUNE 9 AT NOON

Keheley Center Fellowship Hall
Lunch and Program - \$10

Register online through Sign Up
Genius

SAVE THE DATES! SEPTEMBER 15, DECEMBER 8

**BUNCO NIGHT!
SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 28**

**BLACKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SNACK DONATIONS**

Help us support the snack room
by donating the following items:

- Cereal bars
- Granola bars
- Mini muffins
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Cheese crackers
- Pretzels
- Chips
- Chex Mix
- Fruit Cups
- Fruit snacks



"I'll bring the light!"

... let your light shine before others ... --Matthew 5:16



**SAUMC ANNUAL ST. SIMONS ISLAND BEACH TRIP
41ST ANNIVERSARY JUNE 15 - 18, 2024
REGISTRATION**

NAMES: _____

MOBILE & EMAIL (HIS): _____

MOBILE & EMAIL (HERS): _____

ROOM RATES INCLUDE LODGING & MEALS SATURDAY EVENING THRU TUESDAY LUNCH EXCLUDING SUNDAY
EVENING DINNER. A NON-REFUNDABLE \$70 PROGRAM FEE PER FAMILY & A NON-REFUNDABLE
\$20 PER PERSON DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

PLEASE CHECK DESIRED RESERVATION TYPE FOR ADULTS:

REYNOLDS ROOMS:

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| 1 ADULT | \$433.32 | 2 ADULTS | \$605.22 | |
| 3 ADULTS | \$773.64 | 4 ADULTS | \$942.00 | ROOM RATE: |

REYNOLDS APARTMENTS:

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|----------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 ADULT | \$538.95 | 2 ADULTS | \$717.90 | |
| 3 ADULTS | \$900.36 | 4 ADULTS | \$1,110.96 | APARTMENT RATE: |

BOOTH ADJOINING ROOMS (4 BEDS):

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|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------------|
| 1 ADULT | \$538.95 | 2 ADULTS | \$717.90 | |
| 3 ADULTS | \$900.36 | 4 ADULTS | \$1,110.96 | ADJOINING ROOM RATE: |

BOOTH MOTEL SINGLE ROOM

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|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| 1 ADULT | \$486.15 | 2 ADULTS | \$661.56 | |
| 3 ADULTS | \$826.47 | 4 ADULTS | \$1,012.44 | ROOM RATE: |

CHILDREN & TEEN RESERVATIONS:

NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGES 3-12 _____ X \$85.95 = _____

NAME, DOB, & GRADE _____

NUMBER OF TEENS AGES 13-18 _____ X \$189.51 = _____

NAME, DOB, & GRADE _____

PROGRAM FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE) = \$70.00

BIKES: MENS: _____ LADIES: _____ KIDS: _____ BIKES: TOTAL # _____ x \$35 = _____

LOW COUNTRY BOIL: ADULTS: _____ x \$20 KIDS: _____ x \$10 LOW COUNTRY BOIL TOTAL = _____

COMMUTERS (STAYING OFF-SITE): # COMMUTERS = _____ x \$26.96 = _____

TOTAL RETREAT COST \$ _____

\$20 x _____ ATTENDEES = _____ + \$70 PROGRAM FEE = TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT - \$ _____

BALANCE DUE BY 6-1-24 \$ _____

PLEASE CONTACT JULIE PEEL AT julie.peel@gmail.com or 678-480-4595 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

St. Andrew's Stephen Ministry

Since 1975, well over a half-million laypeople from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers, and most any one of them would be quick to tell you that becoming a Stephen Minister has been a powerful experience.

Stephen Minister training is an enriching, enjoyable, spiritual experience, possibly unlike any other training people have participated in before. The purpose of the training is to equip Stephen Ministers with essential caring and relating skills to provide high-quality, one-on-one, Christian care to individuals who are hurting. In addition to becoming better caregivers, everything learned in Stephen Minister training enhances relationships with family, friends, coworkers, and others they meet in everyday life.

If you feel you are called and are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Rev. Terry Phillips or Lee Dowdy through the church office at (770) 926-3488.



**MUST MINISTRIES
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

INTERESTED IN PREPPING AND SERVING
MONTHLY LUNCHES AT MUST MINISTRIES?

CONTACT BILL LANE
LANEPARTYOF9@COMCAST.NET

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

UPCOMING DATES:
APRIL 23 MAY 21 JUNE 18

ST. ANDREW
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

**MUST
MINISTRIES**

**KNITTING
& CRAFT
GROUP**

FRIDAY 10:00AM-1:00PM
ROOM 132-133

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME
BRING YOUR SELF-CONTAINED
CRAFT PROJECTS (DOES NOT HAVE TO BE KNITTING)
FOR ADULTS, HOWEVER, CHILDREN 10 AND UP ARE WELCOME.

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CONTACT
CHURCH OFFICE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION

Instructions for Setting Up a Church Online Account

Member Sign In Link For Online Directory

To set yourself up in ACCESS ACS, copy the below link in your search engine and complete your member set up. Create a member ID and password. You will be able to access everything in Church life. You will be able to access the church directory, your statements as well as on-line giving.

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/memberlogin.aspx?sn=99961>

To add a photo to ACS, go into your ACS account, Click Profile in the dropdown menu, Click Edit, Click Personal Photo, and Upload Photo.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Griffin at Sharon@saumcmarietta.org