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As the whole universe waits for this blissful day to honor Christ our Savior's birth, let peace, comfort and joy surround you.

May your Christmas dazzle with moments of grace and joy.

Let all the beauty of this Christmas join forces to cheer you and bring all heavenly blessings that you long for.

May you have abundant moments full of pleasurable memories of joy, love and happiness in Christ this Christmas.

Let the festivities of this Christmas radiate God's love in your life with joy and jubilation unforgettable.

Wishing you a JOYous and Merry Christmas

Providing for Others



Our country has been hit hard the past several months with natural disasters and mass shootings. It has been hard to see the images, as people have lost their homes, belongings, and even family and friends in the floods, hurricanes, wildfires and shootings. The nation is hurting all over. In the midst of these images, we have seen heroes emerge, strangers helping strangers, and just like here at home, neighbors helping neighbors.

Many of you have likely donated money or items to those who are in need, far away from here, to help where you can. As we have watched these events unfold around the country, each day here at Doorstep, we are still faced with those who are struggling here in our city. We see people who are in danger of losing their home to eviction, and need help getting back on their feet. We see mothers who need clothing for their growing children, and cannot afford to buy them herself. We see families and individuals who are hungry, and need a food order. And, adults who need help with a dental or prescription voucher to help them feel better; or a gas voucher or bus tickets to get to/from work or medical appointments.

This year has hit us hard as people have been helping around the country during these difficult times. We need a strong donation flow to help us finish up 2017. Particularly as we head into December, and Doorstep adopts 250 households for Christmas, just as we have done in the past. There are over 700 individuals in these households, and they all receive gifts, clothing, a food order, blankets, quilts and toys for the children. Please consider giving your year-end gifts to Doorstep.

The Christmas Store is the week of December 10th – 14th. We need volunteers each day. Flyers have been distributed on the items we need to provide Christmas for 700+ individuals in these 250 households. We ask that items be new for the Christmas Store. You can bring donations for the Doorstep Christmas Store, Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th and Buchanan), or to your congregation.

You can also donate online at: www.doorsteptopeka.org

The staff at Doorstep wishes each of you a Happy Holiday & a Blessed New Year!

Myron Wilson Celebrates His 98th



It was a pleasure to welcome Myron and Wanda Wilson to worship on November 19th. Following worship we celebrated Myron's 98th birthday which was on the 18th. Myron was a charter member of St. Andrews, and gave us a little history of the

beginning of the church. We look forward to celebrating number 99 with Myron.



Norm and Jan Schiesser Wed 56 Years



Another celebration was the 56th wedding anniversary of Norm and Jan Schiesser. Their anniversary was October 28th, and we celebrated with them after worship on the 29th. Jan had the fellowship hall beautifully decorated with fall decorations. Congratulations, Jan and Norm.



A reminder that it is time to order poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for the Advent season. There will be one size; the cost is \$8:00.

It is requested that you have the orders to the church by December 17th. Order forms will be in the Narthex, or contact the church office.



St. Andrews will celebrate its traditional **Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion service at 7:00 p.m.** Communion will be served by intinction. Join us for this cherished service together!



Shawnee County Choral Society

Terry Coder, Don Newman, Matthew Reynolds, and Stephanie Reynolds are members of the Shawnee County Choral Society which is presenting their winter concert, Sunday, December 3rd, at White Concert Hall, Washburn University. Time is 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Free will donations are accepted. This is a wonderful evening of great choral music and fun!



Men's Group and Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' Groups met at Banjos on November 17th to share a meal and fellowship. At this time, we plan to meet on December 15th at the same place at 11:30. Invite a friend and come join us.

Election of Officers

Election of officers will be Sunday, December 3rd, following worship. All members are encouraged to attend as we conduct the church's business and support the new officers. Nominees from the nominating committee are:

Jo Ann Miller - unexpired term for class of 2018

Betty DeShazer - Class of 2020

Charles Franks - Class of 2020

Kathy Fuller - Class of 2020 (renewing for a 3-year term)

Bill DeShazer - Class of 2020 (renewing for a 3-year term)



Quartermania



Quarter Mania is coming to St. Andrews again on Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m.. See Dianne Deuser about details. Plan to come and have a fun evening and help support the Lady Warriors softball team.

DECEMBER 2017 LECTIONARY READINGS

December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

December 17- 3rd Sunday of Advent- Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 or Luke 1:46b-55; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent- 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

December 24 - Christmas Eve- Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

December 25 - Christmas Day- Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]; John 1:1-14

December 31 - 1st Sunday after Christmas Day- Isaiah 61:10--62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40





December Birthdays

Cooper Busey, December 1st
Jeanette Luedke, December 1st
Sheri French, December 3rd
Cheryll Duer, December 7th
Bill DeShazer, December 10th
Randy Luedke, December 16th
Jacob Busey, December 16th
Hal Gardner, December 17th
Kathy Fuller, December 19th
Megan Reynolds, December 23rd
Richmond McDaniels, December 27th
Bob Bodenheimer, December 30th
Sharon Bayless, December 31st
Kelly Carr, December 31st

December Anniversaries

Paul and Kathy Mitchell, December 3, 1977
Bill and Betty DeShazer, December 4, 1966
Duane and Dorothy Wulfkuhle, December 24, 1954
Tad and Gail Estes, December 25, 1986



Caring for our Members and Friends



Dick O'Neill, Virginia Bohn, Karl and Dolores Wilmers, Kelly McDaniels, Caydence Beattie, John Lucero, Don and Olga Fluke, Mike Kelly, Rita Kelly, Junior Elder, Jerry Barton, Sally Shaffer, Margaret Danner, Alan Franks, Conner Wilmers, Betty Fouts,

Pray for Marine 2nd Lt. Randy Luedke and the other active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, and police officers. Continue to keep the victims of the natural disasters-hurricanes, earthquakes, and the fires- in your prayers. Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community and country, all our government officials, the hungry and the homeless.

St. Andrews Christmas Mailbox

Want to give Christmas cards to your friends at St. Andrews and save postage at the same time? Take advantage of St. Andrews "Christmas Mailbox" in the narthex. Bring your cards with the name on the envelope for whom the card is intended and put it in the mailbox. They will then be sorted and distributed at church. You might consider making a contribution to St. Andrews in the amount you are saving on postage!



St. Andrews Choir and the Scott Singers

The St. Andrews Choir will be joining Mark Camacho and the young folks of the Scott Singers at Barnes and Noble on December 9th at Barnes & Noble. This is a schedule of the entertainment you'll see. Come and hear some joyful songs of the season as a part of your holiday outings.



Barnes & Noble Bookstore
6130 SW 17th St, Topeka

Schedule of events:

12:00-12:20 PK-1 Holiday Sing and Play Along

12:20-12:40 Dual Language Santa & Storytime

12:40-1:00 K-1 Bells & Singing

1:15-1:45 2nd & 3rd Grade Bells and Singing

1:45-2:00 Dual Language Santa & Crafts

2:00-2:30 Scott Singers & St. Andrews Choir

2:30-3:00 4th & 5th Grade featuring THS Cruzline!



- General fund income for October-\$6,770.90. Income included \$5,085.00 - pledges; \$1,027.00 - non pledge income, \$658.90 - loose offering. General fund expenses - \$7,258.87.
- Dean and Corinne Robinson were received and welcomed into membership at St. Andrews by session. Public reception to be on November 19th.
- By the time we had gotten our information together to submit our application to participate in the Refuel Topeka project, Harvesters was at capacity for what they could accommodate, so St. Andrews was not able to participate. There may be other projects available later.
- The Red Hat Society that Jan Schiesser is a member of will have their Christmas luncheon here on December 15th.
- During the months of December, January and February, session will meet after church on Sunday rather than Monday evening. At this time, meetings are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of the month.
- Nominating committee has selected the following officer nominees: Class of 2020-Kathy Fuller and Bill DeShazer, renewing for a three-year term; Betty DeShazer and Charles Franks. Filling an unexpired term for the class of 2018, Jo Ann Miller.
- We continue to seek donations for TRAILS for Christmas. There are currently 15 youth living in the facility. Items needed are small kitchen appliances, plastic utensils, blankets, etc.
- The funds allocated to the Mission and Outreach committee for distribution this year will go to support Pastor Stacey's 4th grade class at Williams Magnate School. A list of items needed in addition to the monetary contribution will be provided.
- A group has been organized to do the hanging of the greens on November 26th.
- Communion will be December 3rd.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service will be at 7:00

December 2017						
◀ November						January ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Jeannette Luedke B'day Cooper Busey B'day	2 6:00 - Quartermania
3 Communion Election of Officers Session Mtg. Sheri French B'day Paul & Kathy Mitchell-Anniv.	4 Bill & Betty DeSjazer -Anniv.	5	6	7 10:30 - Bible Study 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal Cheryll Duer B'day	8	9 2:00-Choir at Barnes & Noble with Mark's kids
10 Bill DeShazer B'day	11	12 6:30 - Girl Scouts	13	14 10:30 - Bible Study 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	15 11:00 - Red Hat Society here 11:30 - Men's & Ladies Groups	16 Randy Luedke B'day Jake Busey B'day
17 Hal Gardner B'day	18	19 Kathy Fuller B'day	20	21 10:30 - Bible Study 7:00 - Choir Rehearsal	22	23 Megan Reynolds B'day
24 7:00-Candlelight Communion Svc Duane & Dorothy Wulfkuhle-Anniv	25 Merry Christmas Tad & Gail Estes Anniv.	26	27 Richmond McDaniels B'day	28 10:30-Bible Study 7:00- Choir Rehearsal	29	30 Bob Bodenheimer B'day
31 Kelly Carr B'day Sharon Bayless B'day						

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**WELCOME TO
SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones, Pastor
Worship 11:00 AM**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service
7:00 PM**

