



The Messenger



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Sunday, February 7th, is Souper Bowl Sunday. As in the past, the congregation is encouraged to bring in donations of cans of soup and/or boxes of crackers. A box on the floor just inside the main entrance will be provided. We should only need one box- KC Chiefs. Place your donations in the box. Kathy or Charles will make sure all of the donations get taken over to Doorstep and they will greatly appreciate each and every donation.



Donations can also be taken directly to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave. Be sure to tell them you're from St. Andrews.

Mission Needs



Doorstep

As we finish year-end paperwork, thank you's, grant reports, etc. here at Doorstep, life has not stopped, and the phone calls keep coming for assistance!

While 2020 was a different year in many ways, the Topeka community, our member congregations, and others were very supportive of Doorstep, and the services we offer. Due to COVID, we also received CARES funds from the City of Topeka and Shawnee County which allowed us to provide even more rent and utility assistance. The need never goes away, but the amount of people in need definitely increased in 2020, and not all of it was COVID related. Many people still had 'life happen' to them like non-COVID times, and we did our best to help all of those in need that we could.

In 2020, Doorstep spent \$251,096 on emergency services; this is up over \$89,000 compared to 2019. We gave out 87,166 pounds of food, assisted a total of 4,996 households with 11,770 individuals. Paid rent for 159 households, and paid 453 utility bills. It was a challenging year, and our small staff is incredibly grateful to our volunteers who felt comfortable coming in week after week to help us provide services,

sort donations, and help clothing room clients. We also feel very blessed by the support we have received from the Topeka community during this time!

We will still have **SouperBowl Sunday, February 7th** and ask our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help stock our food pantry! Last year we received 5,382 pounds for the event. Watch for sales and gather your donations! We can use all varieties of soup, and crackers. A successful SouperBowl Sunday can stock our pantry with these items into the Spring months!

Unfortunately, with COVID still an issue, we will not have Operation Soup Line in 2021.

Finally, **Thank You** to everyone who donated money, towels, blankets and hygiene items for **Doorstep's Christmas Project** this past December! We assisted a total of **257 households with 815 individuals!** Hopefully, next year we can be back to 'normal' with the actual Christmas Store.

Ash Wednesday Service



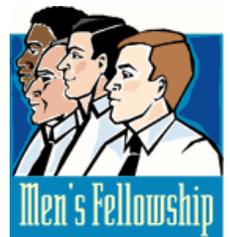
Our Ash Wednesday service (February 17th) will be at **5:30 p.m.** There will not be the traditional Imposition of the Ashes by the pastor. Instead, there will be provisions for each one to do it individually. Those of you who are able and comfortable doing so, plan to attend this meaningful service as we begin the Lenten season.

Men's and Ladies' Groups



Women's Fellowship

The Men's and Ladies Groups met at Banjos on January 15th for their monthly get together for food and fellowship. We continue to meet every third Friday at Banjos at 11:30. Come and join us.. Our next meeting will be February 19th.



Men's Fellowship

Epiphany Stars Distributed

On Epiphany, Wednesday January 6th, Pastor Stacey and Martin Cloutier drove around town delivering signs in yards for Epiphany. The signs were placed in the yards of members we have not seen in church since the beginning of COVID 19 in March. As a church, we were wanting to let our missing friends know how that we are thinking of them and missing them so very much. The Light continues to shine at St. Andrews and we know it shines brightly wherever you are during these troubling and difficult times. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are really looking forward to when we can all worship under the same roof safely.





Thank You For Your Service

Thank you to the Elder class of 2020 for their service. Kathy Fuller elected to not serve another term. Charles Franks, Bill DeShazer and Betty DeShazer were eligible to serve another three-term, and agreed to do so. Linda Ozaki was nominated to serve as the new member. They were elected at a congregational meeting on November 22, 2020, and agreed to serve as the class of 2023. Thank you to these members who will serve St. Andrews as Elders.

Dear St. Andrews Family,



Thank you so very much for all the cards I received from you on my birthday! Sure appreciate your kindness and was so good to hear from you. Made my day very special. Dolores and I miss all of you more than words can say. Please stay well and

safe and may God bless everyone! Here's hoping for a better 2021.

Love ♡ Karl Wilmers

Bob Bodenheimer wishes to thank everyone for the cards and calls for his birthday and Christmas. They mean a lot to Bob. Keep Bob in your prayers.



Dear St. Andrews,



I want to thank you for the beautiful flower that you sent to me while I was in rehab hospital. I am home now trying to allow my neck to heal. It will be April

before I take off the collar. Then I don't know what the outcome will be. For sure they are telling me not to expect to drive the car.

I have enjoyed my time at St. Andrews and hope to come back some day, but it will be a while for sure. Every one feel free to give me a call and when we can get together, come see me.

Sincerely,

Donna Sunderland Robbin

Mary Jane and Junior (Elder) would like to thank all of you for the prayers and cards-birthday, Christmas and anniversary- and all your kind wishes. They send their love to all of you.



Dear St. Andrews,

I am so grateful to be a part of your congregation. I love you all. I am so honored to be playing your Reuter pipe organ. I miss the choir and my friends during this crazy time. Thank you ALL for your gifts and Christmas blessings.

I am truly blessed to be your organist and to still have a job! I do cherish it and you. God has truly led me to you all and blessed me.

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In Christ's Love,

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February 2021 Lectionary

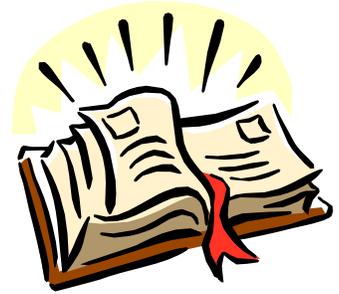
Sunday, February 7- Isaiah 40:21–31; Psalm 147:1–11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39

Transfiguration of the Lord—February 14- 2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6; 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9

Ash Wednesday—February 17- Joel 2:1–2, 12–17 or Isa. 58:1–12; Psalm 51:1–17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10; Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21

First Sunday in Lent—February 21- Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

Second Sunday in Lent—February 28- Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalm 22:23–31; Romans 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38



February Birthdays

Karen Beckley, February 9th

Susan William, February 12th

Sharon McDaniels, February 17th

Dean Robinson, February 23rd

Virginia Moore, February 28th

No February Anniversaries

Caring for our Members and Friends



Please remember the following in your prayers:

Donna Robben Sunderland, Junior and Mary Jane Elder, Matthew Reynolds, Francene Beall, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Abbi, Karl & Dolores Wilmers), Jerry Barton, Phillip Barton, Marlene Watson, John McCready

Andy O'Neill, Martin Cloutier and family, Robert Holly, Graham & Gail Wheat, Dennis Putnam family, Steve Richmond, Eric and Monna Lainson, Aaron Bulmer, Jerry R.

Teachers and students dealing with in-person and remote classes, mental health of all affected by the Covid-19 virus.

Remember all those who serve -our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and those on the front lines of service during this pandemic, the hungry and the homeless.

Pray for peace and calm for our nation as we go through these troubling times. Pray for the ongoing conflicts that still exist in our own community. Pray for the new administration in our government, cooperation and respect among our government officials on all levels.



Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-January 17, 2021

Present: Dianne Deuser, JoAnn Miller, Claudia Hamer, Stephanie Reynolds, Jan Rice, Betty DeShazer, Bill DeShazer Charles Franks, Linda Ozaki Moderator-Rev. Dr. Stacey Jones

Absent: Matthew Reynolds, Sharon McDaniels, Janet Schiesser

Absences were due to illness or Covid-19 issues

Checking account balance as of December 31 was \$12,761.38.

Memorial Fund balance-\$3,672.30

Pledge income for year 2020-\$47,792.30; non pledges for the year-\$20,895.00; loose offering for the year- \$1,158.55. Pledges were overpaid by approximately \$600.00.

Total income for 2020 was \$71,924.41; Total expenses were \$70,751.15.

All of 2020 per capita was paid.

Installation of officers will be January 31st during worship.

Annual Congregational meeting will be January 31st following worship. Will be available on Zoom.

Charles Franks to be Moderator of Mission and Outreach. JoAnn Miller to be moderator of Fellowship. Linda Ozaki to be moderator of Stewardship and Finance. Other moderator positions to remain the same.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 17th, will be at 5:30. Will be using individual Imposition of the Ashes.

Pastor Stacey is scheduled to have back surgery on June 3rd; will be out of the pulpit on June 6th and possibly the 13th.

Approved 2021 budget of \$65,408.76

The decision at this time is to refurbish the existing utility shed rather than purchase a new one

Communion to be celebrated on February 7th.

~ February 2021 ~						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Souper Bowl Sunday	8	9 Karen Beckley B'day	10	11	12 Susan William B'day	13
14 Happy Valentines Day	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday 5:30- Ash Wednesday Svc. Sharon McDaniels B'day	18	19 11:30 – Men's and Ladies' Lunch	20
21 1 st Sunday in Lent Session following Worship	22	23 Dean Robinson B'day	24	25	26	27
28 Virginia Moore B'day	Notes:					

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