



# The Messenger



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## Doorstep News

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! A can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped to stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need! We set a goal of 3 ton = 6,000 pounds for this year. The total brought in was 5,483 pounds! Thank you!



We also want to thank everyone who contributed to our **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Soup Line!** Whether you made desserts, donated or won a theme basket, bought or sold tickets, ordered delivery, worked the event or just attended, we appreciate the support! Monies raised from Soup Line will help Doorstep with agency expenses, and help provide rent and utility assistance to our neighbors who are struggling, and need help.

Mark your calendars for Doorstep's **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk/5K Run** at Lake Shawnee. The big day is **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm!** Come out and support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time! We made over \$6,000 last year, and have a goal of \$9,000 for our third year! Note that we moved it to Sunday afternoon for 2020!

## **Lenten Study**

Pastor Stacey will conduct a Lenten Study, "Spiritual Disciplines", starting March 1st. Meet in Fellowship Hall prior to worship at 10:15. Use this chance to enhance your Lenten experience.



## **Community Easter Egg Hunt**

Help us celebrate Easter! The St. Andrews Community Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2pm. Invite your grandchildren,

friends, your friend's children and grandchildren and neighbors. All are welcome for this festive time of crafts, egg coloring, refreshments and of course the egg hunt and fellowship!

### **Did You know?**

Did you know that there are ways you can financially support St. Andrews for "free" just by the choices you make while shopping for groceries or online? Its true! Learn a few tricks and St. Andrews can benefit from your late-night run to Dillons for ice cream or that Instant Pot (insert your recent obsession here) you purchased on Amazon! Did you know that St. Andrews received \$174.00 in Dillons or Kroger rewards last year? While that amount may not save the world, it is pretty good for doing nothing except purchasing groceries and the more we have choose use as their charity, the more we receive!



This is also a great way for our St. Andrews family and friends who no longer live in Topeka but shop at a Dillons or Kroger store in their hometown or on Amazon to still support us! The trick is to know how we are listed on each entity as the spelling of our name can be different. See the bolded selections below for how to search for us.

**\*Spoiler Alert\*** If you tire of computer settings or fall asleep reading the next paragraphs, either bring your computer or tablet to church one Sunday or give me a call and I can help with the rest!

**Dillons:** Login in your Dillons account (ask me if you don't have one!), and then go to "My Account", and click on "Community Rewards." Select **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church** and go shopping! St. Andrews will now receive a percentage of all your purchases!

**Amazon:** The most important thing to remember for Amazon is to go to **smile.amazon.com** instead of amazon.com to make your purchases. The Amazon Smile site is an exact replica of amazon.com with the exception that a percentage of your purchase goes to your charity of choice. **You must be on Amazon Smile or smile.amazon.com** for this to work! Just bookmark it in your browser and it will be easy to find everytime! Once on Amazon Smile, login to your Amazon account. Go to "Your Account", find the box titled "other programs" and select **Change your Amazon Charity**. Search for **St. Andrews United Presbyterian Church**. There will be more than one selection, be sure to pick the one for **Topeka, KS and note our name contains the added word "United" which we do not regularly use anymore**. St. Andrews will now receive a portion of each Amazon purchase you make if you start from the Amazon Smile website!

**Ebay:** Go to ebay.com and sign into your account. At the top right of your screen, click on “my ebay” and then “Summary.” Once on the summary screen, on the top left of your screen, you will see “Hi, xxx” with xxx being your name. Hover over your name and then click on “account settings.” From there, under the Payments section, click on “Donation Account”. Under the ebay for Charity settings, select “My Favorites” and in the ebay for charities search box that appears type **Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church USA Inc** and again, be sure to select the one for **Topeka, KS**. Click the links for “Add to my Favorites” and then “Make my Favorite Chairity”.

For those of you who are Ebay sellers, contact me so that I can add you as a seller for St. Andrews. After that, all or a percentage of each sale that you designate will go to St. Andrews!

**Paypal:** Login to your paypal account and then click on “Summary” to go to your paypal settings. Scroll down the page until you see the “Make an Impact” section. Click on “Make an Impact” and then enter **Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church USA Inc** in the search line and be sure to select the result for Topeka, KS and click the button for “Set as Favorite Charity”.

You are all set! Let me know if you need help to make these changes as it is an easy way for St. Andrews to benefit from your regular shopping activities!

Stephanie Reynolds

## Spring Sale



the church.

We will once again have a thrift sale to help St. Andrews pay our per capita apportionment to the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. With your Per Capita donations and the proceeds from this sale, it is our hope that we can cover the full amount without using budgeted funds to pay our Per Capita which is a huge bonus for

I do not have a final date for the sale yet, but I am at this point aiming for June 4-7. Stay alert, as this may change as we get closer to June!

You may bring your donations to the church on Sunday or weekday mornings (call ahead first to be sure Bill is in the office that day) and take them to the “old basement” under the sanctuary. I will have a place marked for donations. We will accept most anything in decent

condition with the exception being **no clothes**. Please take your clothes donations to Doorstep or the Rescue Mission where they can have an immediate impact.

If you need help getting your items to church, please call or text me at 785-640-7325. You will most likely need to leave a message, but I will get back with you!

As we get closer to the date of the sale, I will ask for help with manning the church during the sale as we did last time. I am excited to help the church with this expense as well as for the great fellowship time we had during the sale last fall. Thank you for your assistance!

Stephanie Reynolds

### **Let's Go to a Concert**



The Christian music group Casting Crowns and singer Michael West will be performing at the Stormont Vail Events Center on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. I have had several ask if we have a group interested in going together. Please let either Stephanie

Reynolds or the church office know if you would like to go by March 8th. We can get a discount rate on tickets for a group of ten or more and meet at the church and carpool over together.

It should be a fun evening of music and fellowship!

Stephanie Reynolds

### **St. Andrews Facebook Page**



Did you know we have a Facebook page? It is **St. Andrews Presbyterian Topeka**. Please help us increase our digital presence by “liking” and “following” the page as well as sharing posts to your own account. If you don't have a Facebook account, you might

consider making one and connecting with your friends online. You don't have to post any personal information, it is enough to make an account and accept some friend requests from people you know from family, work or church. Even if you only view our church page that will help tremendously! The number of views for our church Facebook page will

increase dramatically if our own members like, follow and share our posts as they will propagate down through their own Facebook friends.

As always, if you need assistance, please let me know!

Stephanie Reynold



*Set your clocks, Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8th!*

*Move your clock forward one hour when you go to bed on Saturday, March 7th!*



## Men's and Ladies' Groups



The Men's and Ladies' Groups continue to meet for food and fellowship. We meet the third Friday of each month. Our next meeting will be at Banjo's on Friday, March 20th at 11:30 a.m. Come and share a time with members and friends.



## Souper Bowl Sunday – Go Chiefs



Souper Bowl Sunday was a fun time for all as we joined together after worship for soup and all the fixin's with drinks and desserts. Kathy had a neat "Go Chiefs" cake made. St. Andrews collected and donated to Doorstep 147 pounds of soup and crackers. This is an annual event with all the donations going for a worthy cause.

## Fifth Sunday Potluck

March 29th will be the 5th Sunday of the month, and we will have our Fifth Sunday Potluck following worship. The Fellowship Committee will decide if this will be a special theme potluck or just old-fashioned potluck. Everyone is invited to come and share with their church family for this event. Come and enjoy!



## Per Capita



Per Capita is the amount assessed each church to support the work of the church at Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The amount per person for St. Andrews this year is \$34.85. It is asked that all who are able pay their share to reduce the expense to St. Andrews.



## Thank You Francene

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, was our "Thank You Francene" Sunday following worship. We are truly blessed to have Francene as our pianist/organist, and we just wanted to offer a special thank you for all the work she puts in and the magnificent music she provides for our worship services.



## Pictures from 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Randy Luedke



Randy sent new pictures of him and his family, Asya, Ayden and newest member, Elias Gordon. We appreciate them keeping in touch with us and look forward to seeing them when they return from Randy's tour of duty.



*Thank you*

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Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so very much for the cards and good wishes sent for the occasion of our 65th wedding anniversary. In counting our many blessings, each one of you adds to our list! We wish we could have celebrated at St. Andrews with a piece of cake for everyone. We love you and miss you.

☺ ☺ Dolores and Karl (Wilmers)

*Thank you*

Members of Saint Andrews,  
I would like to thank you for the cards, prayers and concerns you bestowed upon me during my recent knee replacement and the unintended consequences thereafter. I am doing much better but still have some pain issues, unrelated to the knee, to deal with as time goes on.

Larry William

## Lectionary for March 2020

**First Sunday in Lent -March 1** –Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32;  
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11



**Second Sunday in Lent-March 8** – Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

**Third Sunday in Lent-March 15** – Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

**Fourth Sunday in Lent-March 22**-1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**Fifth Sunday in Lent-March 29**-Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45



Celebration of Communion scheduled for March 1st.



## March Birthdays

Janet Schiesser, March 1st  
Mary Ottiwell, March 7th  
Jan McPherson, March 8th  
Norm Schiesser, March 27th  
Olga Fluke, March 28th  
Betty DeShazer, March 29th



## ***Caring for our Members and Friends***



Keep these folks in your prayers: Mary Jane and Junior Elder, Dick O'Neill, Bob Bodenheimer, Norm Schiesser, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly, Karl Wilmers, Dolores Wilmers, Myron Wilson, Millie Blodgett, Steven Cornelius, Tammy Calkins, Maggie Putnam, Gwen Jones, Ron Farrell, Jody Gilley, Kylie and Kyson Parker, Richmond McDaniels Duane Custer, Debra Goddard, Mary Johnson, Carol Paxton, Wendy, Megan and Brendan Mueller.

Remember our active duty and veteran personnel, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and the victims of violence in our country, Pray for peace for those countries suffering from war and conflict; the ongoing conflicts and violence in our own community, all our government officials and political conflicts, the hungry and the homeless.

# SESSION



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Balance in checking as of January 31- \$2,276.50; memorial fund-\$173.50

General fund current income for January \$7,213.85; general fund expenses: \$5,333.76

General fund pledges for January: \$5,731; general fund non pledge-\$1,280.00; loose offering -\$125.05.

Approved annual statistical report that goes to General Assembly and Presbytery  
New accounting and payroll software had to be purchased. Old was no longer functional.

Pastoral/Care of Members visitation will be Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Pastor Stacey to conduct Lenten Study Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall prior to worship, 10:15.

“Revamping” of the flower bed on the west side of the church will be done on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Let Martin Cloutier know if you can help.

Discussed getting church information and activities on social media.

Next communion will be March 1<sup>st</sup>..

March 2020						
◀ February						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion  Janet Schiesser B'day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 – Choir rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Mary Ottiwell B'day
<b>8</b> Daylight Saving Time begins  Jan McPherson B'day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:30 – Choir rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 12:15 Session	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 6:30 – Choir rehearsal	<b>20</b> 11:30- Men's/Ladies Luncheon	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30 – Choir rehearsal	<b>27</b> Norm Schiesser B'day	<b>28</b> Olga Fluke B'day
<b>29</b> Pot Luck  Betty DeShazer B'day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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**Sunday Services 11:00 AM**

