



# The Messenger



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## Easter Wishes

*He is risen! Wishing you a happy Easter full of blessings.*

*Today, we remember Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for what he brought to our world.*

*May this beautiful day be a testimony to God's love and glory.*

*May God shower you with blessings, love, and peace this Easter.*

*Have a blessed holiday filled with happiness, love, and faith.*

*May you feel the love of God on this blessed day.*

*Praying that you feel Christ's love throughout this Easter Day and beyond.*

*May the miracle of Easter bring you peace and joy.*

## Good Friday Service



This year we will be having a Good Friday service, which is March 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be at 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we remember the night Christ died, and look forward to his glorious resurrection on Easter morning.

## Easter Donations in Honor of Family and Friends

In lieu of purchasing Easter Lilies for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, you may consider making a Memorial Contribution to the church in memory of, or honoring, a loved one, to be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please have your donations and names of those to be honored to the church office by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.



## Easter Breakfast/Brunch



We will be serving breakfast before service on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be no fellowship time after service. So please join your church family from 10:00 to 10:45 as we celebrate this joyous and blessed day.

***Set your clocks, Daylight Saving  
Time begins on March 10<sup>th</sup>!***

***Move your clock forward one hour  
when you go to bed on Saturday,  
March 9<sup>th</sup>!***





### **Doorstep**

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! At this writing we have received 3 days of donations from the event from 16 member congregations for a total of 3,545 pounds!! We know more will be coming, but we are more than halfway to our goal for the event! And, how exciting that our local team, the Kansas City Chiefs, won back-to-back Super Bowls!! We know that a can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need!

### **Upcoming Events in 2024 for Doorstep include:**

The **Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing** to be held in April, where we have dinner, honor our volunteers, and celebrate Doorstep! We already have some nice quilts collected so far! Date and location are TBD.

**Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** is the date set for our inaugural **Golf Tournament for Doorstep!** Materials will be made available soon, but all our golfers get it on your calendars!

Doorstep's annual **Christmas in July** to get a jumpstart on collecting some of items needed for adopted families in December, and running concurrently we will have **Summer Cash Bash** with at least \$10,000 matching funds available.

Our **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** is moving back to a Saturday morning in the hopes of growing the event more... Mark your calendars for the morning of Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> for this year's event!

## **MARCH 2024 LECTIONARY READINGS**

**Third Sunday in Lent—March 3** Exodus 20:1–17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18–25  
John 2:13–22

**Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 10** Numbers 21:4–9 Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22  
Ephesians 2:1–10 John 3:14–21

**Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 17** Jeremiah 31:31–34 Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–  
16 Hebrews 5:5–10 John 12:20–33

**Passion/Palm Sunday—March 24** Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–  
16 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4–9a Psalm 31:9–16  
Philippians 2:5–11 Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)

**Maundy Thursday—March 28** Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14 Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19 1  
Corinthians 11:23–26 John 13:1–17, 31b–35

**Good Friday—March 29** Isaiah 52:13–53:12 Psalm 22:1–31 Hebrews 10:16–25 or  
Hebrews 4:14–16, 5:7–9 John 18:1–19:42

**Resurrection of the Lord / Easter— March 31** Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9 Psalm  
118:1–2, 14–24 1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or Acts 10:34–43 John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

**Holy Communion will be celebrated on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and at our  
Easter Sunday service (March 31<sup>st</sup>).**



## March Birthdays



Betty DeShazer, March 29th

## March Anniversaries

Dave and Sue Aschenbrenner, March 10, 1989



## *Caring for our Members and Friends*



Pastor Stacey, Jan Rice, Don and Suzie Marker, AJ Jones, Kaylin McDaniels, Dana McDaniels, Judy Morton, Anita Evanhoe, Sue Aschenbrenner's brother, George Franks.

Keeping in our prayers: Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly.

Remember all service men and women -both active duty and veterans, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless. Prayers for the ongoing Israel-Palestinian War and expanding conflicts in the Middle East, the War in Ukraine.

Pray for our government officials and world leaders.

◀ February		March 2024						April ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
					1	2		
3 Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9		
10 Daylight Svc. Time begins Dave & Sue Aschenbrenner Anniv.	11	12	13	14	15	16		
17 Session	18	19 Presidentia Preference Primary	20	21	22	23		
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29 5:00 Good Friday Svc. Betty DeShazer B"day	30		
31 Easter 10:00-Easter brunch								



## Session Meeting

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS February 18, 2024

[P] '26 Betty DeShazer      [P] '25 Jan Rice      [P] '24 Sharon McDaniels  
[P] '26 Bill DeShazer      [P] '25 Dean Robinson      [P] '24 Linda Ozaki  
[P] '26 Charles Franks      [P] '25 Larry William      [P] '24 Stephanie Reynolds

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones  
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer  
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

\$20,696.21 – General Fund Checking as of 1/31/24.

3,091.05 – Memorial Fund

10,515.99\*--Total current income for January.

6,580.09 – Total Current Expense for January

\*Income large because of members that pay pledges ahead in January.

Pastor Stacey will have out-patient knee surgery on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Stacey leading Lenten Meditations, Sunday mornings at 10:15 till Easter. All are welcome to attend.

Easter breakfast prior to worship at 10:00. (March 31<sup>st</sup>)

Good Friday service will be at 5:00 pm.

Looking into having “Touch a Truck” in parking lot in April.

Next session meeting is March 17th following worship.

Communion will be observed on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Easter Sunday.

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## **WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Bible Study 10:15 Sunday Morning  
Sunday Worship – 11:00 a.m.

