



The Messenger



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World Communion Sunday October 1st



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of

Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. It is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need

World Communion Day is a day of unity, a day when congregations throughout the world will embrace a diverse togetherness throughout the world. This year on October 1st, followers of Jesus Christ will gather in churches of all sizes, on lanes, streets and major highways, in modern buildings and makeshift sanctuaries, in rural and urban environments, all to receive the bread and cup of Holy Communion. Despite the differences in our denominations and traditions, we celebrate our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior on this Special Sunday.

Doorstep

Happy Fall Y’all! ☺ Since April 2023 the need for food assistance has drastically increased! Doorstep has already spent \$25,000 on food purchases this year to keep the pantry stocked and our neighbors fed. This is \$15,000 over what was budgeted, and we still have three months left in 2023. We have provided 12,000 – 14,000 pounds each

month to households in need, and since April we have received an average of 1,800 – 3,000 pounds of food each month. This is a big difference.

We know everyone is struggling, just as we are to keep our shelves stocked to provide a full food order to our neighbors in need. Please give where you can... Dry Beans ~ Egg Noodles ~ Canned Milk ~ Powdered Milk ~ Oatmeal ~ Tuna ~ Chicken Noodle Soup ~ Vegetable Soup ~ Cream of Mushroom ~ Canned Fruit ~ Boxed Potatoes ~ Peas ~ Boxed Pastas ~ Spaghetti O's ~ Ravioli ~ Spaghetti ~ Macaroni & Cheese ~ Pork N Beans ~ Pancake Mix ~ Hand Can openers

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With the arrival of Fall, the staff and volunteers really ramp up our work on our annual Doorstep Christmas Adoption Project. We plan to adopt 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We are not going back to the Store type set-up we did for many years until the pandemic. However, our families will still receive blankets, health kits, school supplies, toys for children, food for several days, a household item, gifts and \$20 gift cards for everyone in the household. The only new clothing items we will have are hoodies, socks, underwear, and children's winter pajamas. (Scarves, gloves & hats as we have them). We are well stocked on school supplies this year; however, we have very little hygiene products to make health kits for the 260 households. We have these kits made up ahead of time and need to collect the following items in October:

Hygiene Items for the Health Kits ~ Full sized items only please. Shampoo ~ Conditioner (2+1 ok) ~ Bar Soap ~ Deodorant ~ Toothpaste ~ Toothbrushes ~ Combs ~ Brushes. Towel Sets: Bath, Hand & Washcloth.

Bring donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, Ks 66604. Donation hours: Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm, south door. 785-357-5341 Please let us know your donations are for Christmas!

## Rummage Sale Update



Our sale will be Wednesday through Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 4<sup>th</sup> . We will be open from 8 am to 5 pm on Wednesday through Friday, and 8 am to 3 pm on Saturday. If you can help work in the morning or afternoon, please let Steph know. We especially need help in the mornings from 8 to about 11 as that is a busy time.

As part of the sale, we would like to have some baked goods available to purchase as they sell well. If you can provide cookies or really any snack that can be divided into individual servings in plastic bags for a “grab and go” snack, they fly away fast. Any of the more traditional items like small breads will sell as well. We are not picky! This is not meant to be a huge bake sale, just an extra component to the sale. Sometimes, shoppers don’t find anything they need in our “treasures” but still pick up a snack bag! These can be brought to church on Sunday or during the week but you will need to check with Steph to be sure we are there during the week!

Thank you for your donations! It is still a month away so we can still use more “treasures” for our in-person sale. They can be placed on the floor downstairs in the organized chaos in the big room outside of the office (I promise we do notice they are there!) or let one of us know if you need a pick-up.

Jan and Steph

## **Ham and Bean Feed, October 17th**



After a pandemic induced hiatus, we are pleased to return to sponsoring a community dinner.

On Tuesday, October 17th, we will have a ham and bean feed (or vegetable beef soup) between 4pm and 7pm.

This is your opportunity to support our church. As always 10% of all proceeds will be given to missions.

Keep watching for chances to help donate to the dinner or volunteer to help. Suggested donation price is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 8 and under.

## Recipe for the month

### Jane's Chicken



In an 8x8 pan sprayed with non stick spray, add a small layer of crushed Fritos corn chips. Next add 2 cans chicken, drained ( or 1/2 rotisserie chicken chopped). Next layer some shredded Cheddar cheese ( a lot or a little). In a bowl, mix 1 can of cream of chicken soup, 1/2 canl of milk, and 1 can of Rotel. Pour this over the chicken and cheese. Do not stir. Top with a few Fritos, if desired. Bake in a 350\* oven until hot and bubbly. Serve with sour cream and extra Fritos. This is good leftover, just add some more Fritos, of course!

We would like to print some of your favorite recipes each month. Let us know if you'd like to contribute.

Sharon McDaniels, Fellowship Moderator

### **October 2023 LECTINARY READINGS**

**Sunday, October 1** (Proper 21) Exodus 17:1–7 Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 1–9

Philippians 2:1–13 Matthew 21:23–32

**Sunday, October 8** (Proper 22) Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20

Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4b–14 Matthew 21:33–46

**Sunday, October 15** (Proper 23) Exodus 32:1–14 Psalm 106:1–6,

19–23 Philippians 4:1–9 Matthew 22:1–14



**Sunday, October 22** (Proper 24) Exodus 33:12–23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10  
Matthew 22:15–22

**Sunday, October 29** (Proper 25) Deuteronomy 34:1–12 Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 1  
Thessalonians 2:1–8 1 Matthew 22:34–46



World Communion will be celebrated on October 1st. The Peacemaking offering will be received on this day.

### October Birthdays



Gail Estes, October 2nd

Rita Kelly, October 12th

Tad Estes, October 19th

Rod Elder, October 25th

Charles Franks, October 28th

Don and Suzie Marker

October 17, 1959



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



Jan Rice, Jo Ann Miller, Kaylin McDaniels, Richmond McDaniels, Dana McDaniels, Karen Beckley, Don and Suzie Marker, Bill Reynolds, Linda Laird, Marlene Watson

Keeping in our prayers: Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly

Remember all who serve-our service men and women, firefighters, EMTs, police officers, and medical personnel.

Prayers for those living on the streets seeking food and shelter.

Prayers for the victims of the hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and severe weather throughout the country.

Our nation's leaders and world leader

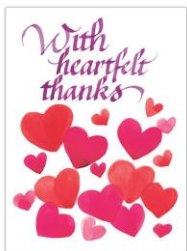
### **Thank You**

Thank you for remembering me and lifting my spirits with the beautiful hand-made cards. Such a nice surprise!

*Myron Wilson*



### **Thank You**



Dear St. Andrews Family

My heartfelt thanks to your sending your cards of love and well wishes. Please know how much they meant to me. August is a difficult month for me as I lost my son Darrick on August 9, 2022, and I lost my dear Karl on August 28, 2021. Your love and kindness came just when I needed it most.

I have such wonderful memories of St. Andrews and it's so nice to know the love and caring is still there.

Praise God. Thank you! Thank you!

Sending my love to you,

*Dolores Wilmers*

| October 2023                                                   |                                     |                                                          |                          |                           |     |                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| ◀ September                                                    |                                     |                                                          |                          |                           |     | November ▶                    |
| Sun                                                            | Mon                                 | Tue                                                      | Wed                      | Thu                       | Fri | Sat                           |
| 1<br>World<br>Communion<br>Peacemaking<br>Offering<br>received | 2<br>Gail Estes<br>B'day            | 3                                                        | 4                        | 5                         | 6   | 7                             |
| 8                                                              | 9                                   | 10                                                       | 11                       | 12<br>Rita Kelly<br>B'day | 13  | 14                            |
| 15<br>Session                                                  | 16<br>1:00 Ham &<br>Bean<br>workday | 17<br>Don & Suzie<br>Marker-Anniv.<br>Ham & Bean<br>Feed | 18                       | 19<br>Tad Estes<br>B'day  | 20  | 21                            |
| 22                                                             | 23                                  | 24                                                       | 25<br>Rod Elder<br>B'day | 26                        | 27  | 28<br>Charles Franks<br>B'day |
| 29                                                             | 30                                  | 31                                                       |                          |                           |     |                               |

# SESSION



## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

September 17, 2023

[P] '25 Dean Robinson      [ P ] '24 Sharon McDaniels      [P] '23 Betty DeShazer  
[P] '25 Larry William      [ P ] '24 Linda Ozaki      [P] '23 Bill DeShazer  
[P] '25 Jan Rice      [ P ] '24 Stephanie Reynolds      [A] '23 Charles Franks

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

Balance in checking as of 07/31/23 - \$17,507.36

Memorial Fund - \$3,091.05

Pledge income for August- \$2,609.00

Non pledge income for August- \$1,310.00

Loose offering for August- \$15.00

Total income for August - \$4,482.60; Total August expenses- \$5,975.94.

Received \$500 (+/-) from On-line rummage sales so far this month.

Our efforts to conserve energy by closing the double doors from fellowship hall to the breeze-way and the sanctuary doors is apparently working. Electric bill for this month was \$200 less than a year ago.

Ham and bean feed will be Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 pm. Work day on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

Rummage sale to be November 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> .

Plan is to revive something we did several years ago – have a member submit a favorite recipe for the newsletter.

Thanksgiving dinner will be a potluck on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Election of officers for class of 2026 will be November 19<sup>th</sup>

Next session meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup> following worship.

Communion will be observed on October 1<sup>st</sup>, World Communion Sunday.



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**October, 2023**



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SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

World Communion, October 1st

