

The Dreaming Always Comes First!

I am often called a day dreamer and I always say ‘Thank You!’ I consider that a great compliment; even if it isn’t always meant as one. Now, I will agree that sometimes day dreams are a pleasant way to pass a few dull moments – but that isn’t all they are. No way! Dreaming is not only fun (most of the time), but it is necessary for our well-being as well. I am certainly no doctor but I have enough sleep issues and have done enough research that I know if I can’t get to the deepest levels of sleep, often referred to as REM Sleep, I am not really resting – and that can not only contribute to stress, but, believe it or not, it can cause serious health issues and even death in extreme situations. We NEED to dream to live. And, if you believe author Len Sweet (and I do), it turns out that we need to dream for our health but also for some of our biggest ideas. I was reading one of Dr. Sweet’s articles some time back and he wondered, if we can’t dream of big things (day or night), how can we ever manage to accomplish them? It is amazing how many of mankind’s greatest achievements have started out as a dream. And, it turns out, God is a big believer in dreams and uses them to give us information we need and to both challenge and encourage us. We’ll spend a few moments this morning hearing about this special means of God/us communication.

The 8:45, 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services are broadcast online, live, each Sunday during the service. You may also view them at anytime by accessing “Webcasts” on the church web page.

Our thanks to those who helped guide us in worship today:

Pastor	Rev. Pat Sleeth
Worship Leader	Dorothy Taylor
Music Director	Dave Evans
Choir Director	Ben Waltz
Organist	Lisa Tally

BE SURE TO BRING BACK THE MeetMeAtTheManger.com SIGNS FOR US TO STORE FOR USE NEXT YEAR!

Sunday School Classes

There are Sunday School classes for all ages at 10:00 a.m. Age appropriate lessons and crafts are planned for the pre-school and elementary age children as well as thought provoking topics and discussions for youth and adults. Adult classes include:

Christian Issues... This class meets in Adult 2 in the Education wing of the church at 10:00 a.m. They focus on current issues and how they affect our Christian lives. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

Young Adult... This class for those older than 22 is studying *Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues*. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

Know and Grow... The Know and Grow class is using an advent study called *Blessings of the Manger* which is based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

Christian Families Class... Have a family? Trying to live out Christ’s teaching in your home? So are we! Join us as we share experiences and seek God’s guidance. Today and next week, this class will not be meeting due to the special schedule for the holidays. Join the group on January 9.

UnderGrad Sunday Study Class... Tonight at 6:00 p.m., this discussion-based group will meet in the Intersection. It is for anyone in the typical college-aged years (18-22 or so). Come take a look at our popular culture and find out where God fits in. There is food and conversation making it a great way to start the week.



St. Andrew United Methodist Church

December 26, 2010

10:00 a.m.

At St. Andrew,

*God has called us together to become like Jesus
in authentic community for the sake of the world.*

4703 N. 50 W.
West Lafayette, IN 47906
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St. Andrew United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m. Worship Nursery provided

Hearing assisted devices are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

The Greeting and Ministry of Friendship

Please fill out the attendance pads and pass along your row.

The Candles Represent the Light of the World

The Prelude

The Introit

** The Hymn of Praise

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Chancel Choir

No. 224

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

The Moment of Joys and Concerns

Please wait for the microphone to reach you and introduce yourself as you make your request.

Silent Meditation and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

No. 895

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

The Anthem

Westminster Carol

Chancel Choir

Blessing of the Toys/Children's Worship

** The Gospel Lesson

Leader: This is the word of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

(Pg. 1498 in the worship Bibles)

Rev. Pat Sleeth

Matthew 2:13-23

** Hymn of Preparation

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

No. 229

The Spoken Word

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Presentation of Ourselves, Our Tithes, and Our Offerings

Please sign and pass the blue folders.

The Offertory

** The Doxology

** The Prayer of Dedication

** The Hymn of Commitment

Go Tell It on the Mountain

No. 251

** The Benediction

The Benediction Response

Go Tell It on the Mountain
(refrain)

No. 251

The Postlude

WE DEPART TO SERVE

This Week at St. Andrew

Sunday—December 26

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

11:15 a.m. Praise Worship

Monday—December 27

Office Closed

6:30 p.m. GOLDen Girls at Weston's

Tuesday—Dec. 28

Office Closed

Announcements due

7:00 p.m. Youth Disciple

7:00 p.m. WINGS Bible Study

Wednesday—December 29

10:00 a.m. Traditional worship planning

12:30 p.m. Praise worship planning

Thursday—Dec. 30

6:30 p.m. Praise Team rehearsal

Friday—December 31

6:00 p.m. LUM Homeless Shelter Meal

Saturday—January 1

Happy New Year!!

Sunday—January 2

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

11:15 a.m. Praise Worship

6:00 p.m. College Age Group

Sunday School Changes

There are no Sunday School classes today.

The regular schedule will resume next week.