



Connections

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STORIES THEY DON'T DARE TEACH YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

I didn't have much need for starched white dress shirts. I usually wore them once a week on Sunday in church. Because they were on the expensive side and because they were more likely to be handed down than worn out, I remember wearing some of those shirts long after they fit me comfortably. There was a stretch during my late childhood and early youth when I was growing quickly. My memories of worship from those years was mostly trying to keep my collar buttoned and breathe at the same time. We had a good preacher in those days I am told. Lord knows I never heard what he said because I was too busy trying to wiggle out enough room between my tie and Adam's apple to fill my lungs and swallow!

One of the core values of St. Andrew is to equip the next generation with faith.

We see ourselves as intergenerational missionaries, looking to take what has been passed on to us and share it with those who follow after us.

Our commitment to minister to children, youth, young adults, and families flows from this priority.

Worship is no exception. We are always thinking about how our children and youth experience

VOLUNTEER NEED IS GREAT

Volunteers are still needed to help with

Vacation Bible School and to **teach all** **LEND A HAND** **sessions of Summer Sunday School.**

Please consider giving of your time! Contact Melissa Martin at 497-7755 or Melissa@andrew-umc.org for more information.



OUR MOST PROFOUND THANKS



Heartfelt Thanks

It was a big weekend for the Burchill family, and we want to thank our St. Andrew family for helping making it so special. We are so appreciative of those who were able to come to our Open House for Andrew and Zachary Friday afternoon and for your generosity in celebrating the last 15 years of ministry we've shared on Sunday morning. I am anxiously awaiting the pulpit robe and even though we don't usually wear them in the summer we may have to make an exception when it comes in.

We want to make sure to express our gratitude for all those who took time to support our boys—not only through this graduation milestone—but throughout the last 15 years. We think they've turned out pretty well: young men of faith and character, and we believe that it takes more than parents and friends to make that possible. It takes a church. We feel very blessed to be a part of this one.

Tim and Sue Burchill

worship. From music to prayers to video and drama to preaching, we work hard to make what we do on Sunday morning accessible to a wide range of ages—while at the same time staying true to our traditions and mission.

Starting **June 13** we are launching a new sermon series entitled, **Strange & Truly Weird Stories**

from the Bible. We are launching this summer series with our older children and youth in mind. We are confident that we can reach out to our youth and satisfy our adults both at the same time by considering some of the strangest moments in the history of God's people.

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We're going to wonder again what is going on when **Lot's wife** is turned by God into a pillar of salt.

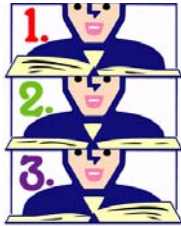
We're going to get beyond Cecil B. Demille and Walt Disney and dig a little deeper into **the ten plagues of Egypt**.

Very few people even know the story of **Jael & the Bully** who wouldn't leave God's people alone. It's on the gruesome side just a bit, but it's got a very surprising conclusion.

There is the powerful pagan prophet **Balaam and his talkative donkey** as well as **Jesus, a legion of demons, and a herd of kamikaze swine** as well.

Each of these truly strange moments in scripture has an important insight and application for each of us. They've just tended to be too weird or creepy for us to regard as little more than quirky legends or historically obscure oddities. Lest we forget, they are not only gripping stories; they've been included in the Bible because there is a deeper truth for us to glean from them.

Working with Dana Kirkwood and our youth, I hope to include something each Sunday from our Senior and Junior High youth. It might be a video clip, a skit, or survey results—but our hope is to keep our young people as engaged as possible during our Sunday morning worship. And of course no one said worship can't be fun. Yes, these



Sermon Series

passages are weird, strange, and odd, but they are also very engaging and for the most part well told.

I hope that you'll make it a priority to be a part of Sunday morning worship from June 13 through July 18 (with a Sunday off for Father's Day on June 20). It is not a sermon series for the faint of heart. This is a sermon series for the great in imagination. With a little history and danger thrown in—it's biblical entertainment wrapped in faithful application. Perfect summer fare for the whole family!



YOUTH CHOIR AND INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLE

School is over, but fun is just beginning. Beginning June 6 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Sundays in the choir room, we will now offer a youth choir. This is open to kids who



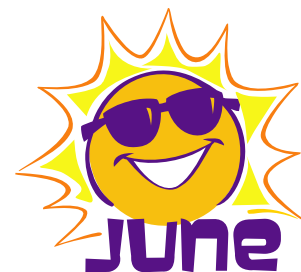
are going into junior or senior high school in the fall. Even if you don't know how to sing, we will teach you! If you don't want to sing, we are also looking for youth to play instruments (especially piano, guitar, bass, or drums to accompany). If you have any questions, call Jeremy Boggess at 491-0951 or email at jwboggess@hotmail.com.

HOST VISITING YOUTH CHOIR

St. Andrew will be hosting the Joyful Noise Youth Choir from Manassas, Virginia on Sunday evening, June 27. This group of 14 youth will share their faith with us with a performance of their musical production, "Make Him Known". This is a high-energy musical production including music, dance and drama. The performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Room. The performance will be preceded by one of our world-famous carry-in dinners, for which the Joyful Noise will be joining us! Everyone is invited to attend this free event.



We are in need of St. Andrew members to volunteer as host families for the Joyful Noise singers and their chaperones as they will be spending the night here before heading out again Monday morning toward the next destination on their annual choir mission trip. We need overnight sleeping accommodations for 11 girls, 3 boys, 4 adult women and 3 adult men. **If you are willing to open your home to support these folks, please contact Dave Evans at davenjac@comcast.net or call the church office.**



CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers for Vacation Bible School need to have current Child Protection Training forms on file in the office. Adults are required to renew every two years, and youth must renew every year. Adults should have received an e-mail if they are not up-to-date. All youth need to renew.

We will be offering Crew Leader Training/Child Protection Training for youth (Junior High and Senior High) at **10 a.m., Sunday, June 6**, in the Sr. High room. This should only take 10-15 minutes so please make every effort to attend.

We will also be offering Child Protection Training at **10 a.m., Sunday, June 13**, in Melissa's office for any youth who couldn't attend the previous week or adults who need it. If you are unable to attend either session, please contact Melissa (melissa@andrew-umc.org or 497-7755) to set up an alternate time.

In addition, we ask that all VBS volunteers wear a St. Andrew shirt during the week of VBS. If you do not own a St. Andrew shirt, we have shirts that you can borrow for the week. Please stop in the church office between Sunday, June 6 and Sunday, June 13 to sign one out.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our summer Sunday school kicks off this Sunday, June 6. The summer is divided into four three-week sessions. The children will rotate to a different station each week. All children will gather in the Children's Area before heading to their stations. The Sprouts class will continue to meet in their classroom as usual. Note: all grades are the child's grade just completed. Here is the schedule for the first session:

June 6

Sprouts—Sprouts Room
Preschool/kindergarten—**Art**
First/second grade—**Science**
Third/fourth/fifth grade—**Movie**

June 13

Sprouts—Sprouts Room
Preschool/kindergarten—**Movie**
First/second grade—**Art**
Third/fourth/fifth grade—**Science**

June 20

Sprouts—Sprouts Room
Preschool/kindergarten—**Science**
First/second grade—**Movie**
Third/fourth grade**—**Art**

**Fifth graders move to junior high Sunday School this week.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER

June 14-18, 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. If you haven't registered your child for VBS, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are available in the church office or to download from the church website. You can also register online. Access the registration through the church website at andrew-umc.org.

HAVE A BLAST DECORATING!

Please join us on Thursday, June 10, from 9 a.m.-noon to transform the church into the Starship Galactic Praise. Decorating the church for VBS is a big job, and we would appreciate the help! Childcare will be available.

SHARE YOUR FAITH/TALENT

The Chancel Choir takes a break for the summer from leading worship in the 8:45 a.m. service and will not be back until Aug. 29. This opens the opportunity for other members of our congregation to share their faith and talents with us by providing Special Music each Sunday. If you would like to share your gifts, talents and faith in this way please contact Dave Evans at davenjac@comcast.net.

Featured Members of the Month—Al & Donna Segrist

Al and Donna will have been married for 55 years this July 24. They live in West Lafayette but claim to be "Buckeyes" by birth! Both Al and Donna were born and raised in Ohio and moved to West Lafayette in 1966. They actually attended the same United Methodist youth camp at the same time while they were in high school, but their paths never crossed. Eventually, they met while working at the Dairy Queen together in Wauseon, Ohio. Donna says that Al still thinks he is the best at putting the curl on the top!

They married in 1955. Al attended Miami of Ohio for his undergrad and Ohio State for his masters and doctoral degrees. He also was drafted into the Army from 1953 to 1955. Donna graduated from Ohio Wesleyan and got her masters degree from Purdue. Al is now retired from Purdue after a 30-year career there teaching in Counselor Education. Donna retired after 16 years as a Kindergarten teacher at the old Kingston School (which later became Happy Hollow), Cumberland, and Burtsfield schools. She became active as a substitute teacher and then quit to get involved as a volunteer with ArtSmart Indiana and ArtSmart America taking it to grades 4 and 5 in the county.

They have five children: Donald, Jim (deceased), Ann (deceased), Andy and Kurt.

The Segrists attended the Epworth Heights Church when services were held in the Soller Baker funeral home in 1967/68. Al recalls that they had a congregation of about 125 that merged with the members of the Evangelical United Brethren congregation of about the same size. A young

pastor by the name of Phil Klinger was active in this congregation and got them involved in the United Methodist Conference. Both Al and Donna have been active throughout the years here at St. Andrew. Al has served as Lay Leader, as a teacher of middle school kids, and has held positions on several committees including Staff/Parish. Donna has served on the Worship committee and helped Marilyn Neie start the "Foundations for Christian Living" adult class in 1972. The class later changed its name to Christian Issues. She has also served on Staff/Parish. Both Al and Donna have been members of Koinonia #2 for many years.

After the death of their son, Jim, who died at the age of 17 in an auto accident, Donna was one of three people to charter a national grief support group called The Compassionate Friends which is now in its 28th year. This group supports families after the death of a child. Al and Donna are the only chartered persons still active in this group. They are also active in a Parkinson's support group which has helped Donna with several great programs.



If you don't already know Al and Donna, you need to introduce yourself one Sunday. You will soon find out what many of us already know -- they are lovely people with many stories to share. We are blessed to have the Segrists as part of our St. Andrew family.



Let Us Know...

Please remember to let us know if there is someone in our congregation who would benefit from receiving a card, phone call, or visit from our ministry. We'd also like you to let us know about scheduled and emergency hospital stays. Our ministry works best when we know whom and how we can help. Please call the church office at 497-7755 with specific information.

Keeping In Touch with InTouch

By Monica Arrowsmith
Our "Made with Love" Ministry is now up and running! The ministry is designed to reach out and offer the loving touch of a homemade meal to anyone in our congregation who could use one. We think that includes just about everyone!



Of course, the real beauty of Made with Love is that it is a two-part equation. The first part is the making and delivering the meal with love; the second part is receiving it with love. The second part may really be the hardest part. Who among us is good at graciously accepting the love and generosity of others, possibly strangers (even though, in this case, all a part of St. Andrew)? I know I'm not. "That's not necessary," I think. "I'm sure someone could use it more than

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I," I say. "I'm perfectly capable of taking care of myself and my family," I push back. It makes us feel weak and needy and dependent. Yuck! Maybe, though, learning to accept the grace and love from others helps us learn to accept the grace and love of God? Maybe.

This accepting grace, allowing someone to love you, is humbling. It always reminds me of the story from John 12 where, at a Passover dinner party, Mary took a bottle of perfume, poured it on Jesus' feet, let down her hair and then wiped His feet with her hair. How weird is that? Think about it: hanging out at the table with your friends after dinner and someone comes over and begins to wash your feet with perfume and her hair. That was unusual even in Jesus' day! The part about this story that strikes me, though, is that Jesus sat there and graciously accepted her gift of love; He let her wash His feet and then defended her actions. In essence, He showed His love for her by letting her love Him!

Made with Love will be making and delivering a meal to two families each week! It may be because someone in that family has been sick, or has had surgery, or has lost a loved one, or has had a rough go of it lately, or it may also be (my personal favorite) JUST BECAUSE. So, if you get a call from one of our coordinators (Sally Dunten, Shirley Olson, Nancy Chapman, Nita Brusnighan), I hope that you will welcome the opportunity to follow Jesus' example by letting someone love you while you recline at the table! Bon Appétit!

Blood Pressure Screenings
June 13
 between services &
 after second service
 in Pastor Pat's office

FRIENDS BECOME MEMBERS



On May 16, several friends became new members of our St. Andrew circle. In order for you get to know them a little better, we have some information about each of them. Take a moment to read what is going on in their lives and see if you have anything in common.

David Asher grew up in Mooresville, Indiana, south of Indy, and graduated from Purdue. He lived in Georgia for 28 years and lived in Toronto for 2 years before returning to Indiana in 2008. David started attending St. Andrew last fall with Leslie Wampler. They have been dating since January 2009.

Vince and Helen Citro have been attending St. Andrew for a couple of years. Vince is a pilot, and Helen works for Clarian Arnett. They have two children - Samantha, who is currently a junior at West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School and Kyle who is in 6th grade. Both of their children are very involved in activities. Kyle plays baseball, basketball and football and also plays the alto saxophone in band. Samantha takes voice lessons and is involved with Civic Theatre. She will be in the advanced placement choir at school next year. Vince and Helen are involved with their children's

activities, and Helen says they don't have much time left over for hobbies of their own.

Rosanna Dyer is a homemaker, and she and her husband, Aaron, have two children - Anya and Ashten. Anya is in 9th grade at Harrison High School, and Ashten is currently a 5th grader, who will be attending BreakAway this June. Rosanna enjoys watching her daughter play soccer, playing on the computer, networking with friends and shopping.

Jeff and Jen Fecher have two little girls - Lauren and Allison. Jeff grew up in Greenfield, Iowa and moved to Indiana in 1999. He LOVES Iowa Hawkeye sports, especially football. Jeff enjoys trips with "the guys" and has been whitewater rafting" on a few trips. He works in the production office at Cives Steel Company in Wolcott.



When their family visits Iowa, he enjoys hunting pheasants with his dog, Hershey, a chocolate lab. Jen grew up in Elkhart, IN, but has lived in the Lafayette area since becoming a Purdue student in 1996. She and Jeff met when she was in graduate school. They have been married for 5 years and celebrated that with a four-hour cave tour at Mammoth Cave! Jen is an academic advisor for the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Purdue. Her degrees are both from Purdue and include a BA in History and a MS in Sport and Exercise Psychology.

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Mike Franklin is married to Jackie, and he works at the Lafayette Police Department. Mike has an identical twin brother, and, coincidentally, Jackie also has a twin brother. Mike and Jackie have a blended family of five children - Erik, Ginger, Kassi, Kelsey, and Kayleigh. Mike likes to cook, golf, and travel in his spare time.

David and Sharon Gray have two children - Adam and Jake. Adam graduated this May from high school, and Jake is just finishing 1st grade. David grew up in Northwest Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University with an Aeronautical Engineering degree. He moved to Fort Worth, Texas to work for General Dynamics designing fighter planes. David and Sharon lived in Texas for 18 years with their sons. They moved back to Indiana in 2005, and he currently works for Butler America. He is glad to be back where there are seasons and trees, so he can enjoy his outdoor hobbies again. Sharon also grew up in Northwest Indiana. After high school, she went to cosmetology school, got her state license and worked as a hairdresser. While she was in Texas, she started to attend a local college, and when they moved back to Indiana in 2005, she became a Boilermaker! She is still working slowly toward some sort of degree. Sharon has been active in her church in Texas and enjoys helping others. Sharon says that they are glad to be back in Indiana and to have found a home at St. Andrew.



Dorothy Hinchman was born in Marion County, Indiana. She lived on a farm, was a member of a Christian Church, and traveled with a Bible Bowl team for 9 years as a sponsor. She worked in a bank for 7 ½ years and was also a proof-reader for the Indiana House of Representatives for 3 years.

Hyesook Kim grew up in a Methodist family, but this is her first time attending an American church. Hyesook is from Korea and is currently a student attending the United Theological Seminary. She has two daughters - Daream Yoo who is a student at Purdue and Dasom Yoo who is in 9th grade at West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School. As a seminarian, she hopes to deepen her faith and serve others at this church.

Mary Seyfried is a native of Lafayette. She has been employed for 29 years at Purdue University. She was elected President of Friends of Convocations at Purdue. Mary enjoys cooking for her family and friends.

Amy Smith is transferring her membership from Trinity UMC. She grew up in Windsor, Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State in 1993 with a degree in Accounting. She has lived in Lafayette for 10 years and works for American Berkshire Association, where she registers purebred pigs (like you can register dogs with the AKC).

Leslie Wampler moved to Indiana in February 2004 from VA, where she was born. She has lived here with her daughter, Sydney, who is 17 and five loveable cats. Since moving here, she has earned her MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University and bought her own home, which is a 1930's home. Leslie spends time fixing up her home. She has her motorcycle license! Leslie is looking forward to seeing her daughter graduate from high school and go to Purdue. She would also like to do some traveling. David Asher and she were introduced by some friends in January 2009 and have been dating since then.

IT'S A PARTY!



Come and say Happy Birthday to Odella Schall! She is turning 90, and her family is helping her celebrate. You are invited to Westminster Village

to the Firefly room on June 12 from 2-4:00 p.m. to share your good wishes with her. Many members of her family will be gathering with Odella that day, and she would love to have her St. Andrew family there, too. Odella is a charter member of St. Andrew, so she has deep roots with this congregation. No gifts please.

CENTER STAGE

This month's meeting will be hosted by Dick and Betty Nelson, 102 Hideaway Lane, WL, on the 27th at 12:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for a delicious carry-in meal accompanied by enriching fellowship with those in the "center stage" of life. As always, please RSVP to Dick and Betty if you plan to attend (rcnelson@purdue.edu, bmnelson@purdue.edu, or 463-3144).

June 2010

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