

# Mark Your Calendar

2.9

2022 Camp Can Do  
On-Line Registration

**2022-23 Preschool Registration**

**2.14**—for Church Members

**2.17-2.18**—for Current Students/Siblings

**2.21**—Open to the Public

2.20

Children's Ministry Funday Sunday  
Confirmation Classes Begin

2.25

Preschool Mardi Gras Parade

3.1

Mardi Gras  
Church Office Closed

3.2

Ash Wednesday  
Morning Drive Thru Ashes  
Ash Wednesday Evening Service

3.5

Church Transformation Workshop

**3.9, 3.16, 3.23, 3.30 & 4.6**

Mid-Week Lenten  
Communion Experience

4.2

Spring Church-Wide Clean-Up Day

4.10

Palm Sunday  
Easter Egg Hunt

4.16

Maundy Thursday  
Living Last Supper

4.17

Good Friday  
Church Office Closed  
Good Friday Service

4.19

Easter Sunday

**4.23-4.24**

40th Anniversary Celebration

## St. Andrew's U.M.C. Sunday Service Times

8:30 a.m.

New Life Contemporary Worship

11:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship



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## THE ANCHOR

The Newsletter of St. Andrew's UMC

*a note from the pastor*

I write this letter to you with both joy and sadness in my heart. Forty-six years ago, at my mother's urging, I applied for a youth director position in Aransas Pass, TX. Much to my surprise they selected this long haired kid to be their Youth Director, and thus began my journey into the pastorate. In June 1981, I was ordained Deacon in the Southwest Texas Conference, and In June 1982 my ordination was transferred to the Louisiana Annual Conference, where I was ordained Elder in 1984. Since then I have been an itinerant pastor serving churches throughout Louisiana at the appointment of the Bishop.

For these past six years I have sojourned among the people known as St. Andrew's. You are a vibrant, beautiful and caring community of Christ. Together we have been able to reach others for Christ and share a life of mission and grace that has made a difference to our community and beyond. I am thankful for the time that I have had with you as partners in ministry.

Now at the age of 66 I have decided it is time to retire from full time ministry effective June 30. My final Sunday sermon will be on June 5. For the following three weeks you will have guest message givers which will include Georgia Ford and Marcy Brennan. I will still be available for pastoral needs until the end of June.

As you know when a pastor retires they are required to move from their current congregation to a new setting for at least a year. This means that I will not be able to officiate weddings and baptisms at St. Andrew's. While I will not be your pastor past June 30, I will be your friend. My plans are to move to my home on North Padre Island, just outside of Corpus Christi, TX. After settling in, my attention will turn to fishing, spending time with my grandkids, working on my photography and doing some writing. Of course as a pastor, I will do some occasional pulpit supply. My house has two extra bedrooms so there is always room for you to visit.

Questions at this point often circle around who will be your new pastor. Your SPRC has met with the District Superintendent. Notification from the Bishop of who the next pastor will be will most likely happen in March or April. I know you will treat your new pastor as you have treated me, with love, grace and prayer.

As I finish this writing the words of the book of Philippians 1:3-6 come to mind: **"Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this believing and proclaiming God's message, from the day your heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears."**

Blessings,

Tom Howe

### St. Andrew's UMC Mission Statement

At St. Andrew's, we intend to create a Spirit-filled home for sharing the story of God's work in our lives.

Our passion is to bring others to Christ in innovative ways while nurturing our church family.



## Registration for 2022-23 Preschool begins the middle of February!

For additional information, please visit: [www.saucmbr.com/preschool/](http://www.saucmbr.com/preschool/).



## 2022 Camp Can Do—Registration Begins February 9.

This year, registration will be on-line! Please visit [www.saucmbr.com/preschool/](http://www.saucmbr.com/preschool/) for additional information, or email Angelle, the camp's co-director - [AHerman@saucmbr.com](mailto:AHerman@saucmbr.com).

## Church Transformation Workshop Rescheduled to

**Saturday, March 5  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.**



Members and regular attenders of St. Andrew's are invited to attend the Church Transformation Worship on Saturday, March 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Lunch will be provided; please RSVP to Karen in the church office (225-752-2903 or [KA-gnew@saucmbr.com](mailto:KA-gnew@saucmbr.com)) by *Thursday, March 3, so we can plan accordingly.*

Childcare is available upon request only - please contact

Kathy ([KCraft@saucmbr.com](mailto:KCraft@saucmbr.com)) by Thursday, March 3.

## Confirmation 2022

The 2022 Confirmation Class will begin on February 20. This 11-week class is open to any youth Grade 6 through Grade 12 who has not yet joined the church or been confirmed. Marcy Brennan will lead the class.

Confirmation is a class designed to share with the students important information about God, Jesus, worship, the Bible, sacraments, United Methodist history and other topics of faith. It is a major step on a lifelong journey of faith for your child. On May 15, 2022, each confirmand will be given the opportunity to profess Jesus Christ as his or her personal Lord and Savior and to join the United Methodist Church through St. Andrew's.

If your child is eligible for confirmation and interested in participating, please let the church office know at 752-2903 or email Marcy at [MBrennan@saucmbr.com](mailto:MBrennan@saucmbr.com).



## Remnants - Sundays 9:45 Education Building Upstairs and Zoom

Rotating curriculums and facilitators; middle to upper middle age, but all are invited!

## Fellowship - Sundays 9:45 Administration Building Room 2

Lecture and discussion class using Adult Bible Studies curriculum; mostly retired adults.

## Koinonia - Sundays 9:45 Administration Building Room 1

Rotating curriculums; some DVD studies; upper middle age and retired.

## Transitions - Sundays 9:45 Administration Building Room 4 and Zoom

Selected short-term studies and current cultural responses; mostly 30s and 40s.

## Bible Talk - Sundays 9:45 Administration Building Room 3

Read and discuss selected Bible passages from the Revised Common Lectionary; all ages.

## New Class?

A new class for parents of preschool and school-age children; look for it in early spring.



## Youth Ministries

Our Youth will continue to be meeting every Wednesday night, 6pm-7pm at Chick-fil-A Miller-ville! In this new year we are trying some new things, such as going to an escape room. It was a lot of fun, although we didn't stand a chance at escaping - but practice makes perfect, right? Let's practice!



We are looking into doing one large event a month outside of our normal routine! We will likely be going to a skating rink, axe throwing, or another much more feasible escape room in February, and may possibly be trying again at the escape room soon. That date doesn't exist until we get individuals who are willing to go!

This year will be a great time to get involved with St. Andrew's Youth! Come join us!

Follow us on:



St Andrews United Methodist Youth  
@StAndrewsUMYF

@STAYouthBR

## Welcome to the St. Andrew's Family! New Member Baptism



**Steven & Rebecca Bellelo**

*Joined 1/9/22*

(Pictured with their son, Carter)



**Patricia Corkern**

*Baptized 1/9/22*

(Pictured with  
Rev. Tom Howe)





## 6:30-10 am Drive Through Ashes and 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ash Wednesday is the traditional start of the season of Lent. It is on this day that Christians throughout the world come to church and have ashes placed on their foreheads. These ashes are from the previous years palms that were waved on Palm Sunday as we celebrated Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

The anointing of the ashes is a symbol of our recognition of our mortality as is stated in Genesis 3:19, "from dust you came and to dust you return." The ashes on the forehead are a reminder that without Christ we do not have eternal life.

During Lent Christians typically practice a season of prayer, penitence, alms giving and fasting. Some Christians use this as a time of committing themselves to taking on a new ministry to do good for others. The essence of Lent is the realization that without the sacrifice of Christ we would be lost. To that end, we the people of faith use this as a time to say that we, too, will make sacrifices in our life as a testimony to our faith in Christ and to living the Christ-like life.

### ♦ Drive Through Ashes—6:30-10 am

Many of us have busy schedules and we do not have the opportunity to attend an evening service of the Imposition of Ashes thus we offer a morning drive through imposition of ashes. **This occurs between 6:30-10 am in the church parking lot.** You simply drive up to the location, roll down your window and ashes will be applied. Also, if you have a prayer request Rev. Tom Howe will pray with you. Then you roll up your window and continue on your day's journey.

### ♦ Evening Service of the Imposition of Ashes—6:30 pm

Our Lenten journey begins as we receive our ashes and listen to scripture intertwined with music. We will be enveloped in reverence as we hear live music from Jose' Ottenello. Jose' has been a part of our scripture storytelling though music throughout the last year as we found new and engaging ways to worship. Jose' is studying at LSU for his Doctorate in Music, in cello.

## Lenten Mid-Week Communion Experience

Please join us each Wednesday night during Lent for communion, scripture, prayer and selected episodes of the series The Chosen. This acclaimed series presents the story of Jesus in a theatrical interpretation of the Bible, and offers new insights into the life and mission of Jesus Christ.

Each service will last no more than one hour beginning at **6:30 p.m.** Following the service, those who wish to stay to discuss the episode may remain for an extra 15 to 30 minutes. We will gather each Wednesday for five weeks **beginning March 9.** Child care will be provided upon request. We hope to see you there!



## PALM SUNDAY April 10

This is an exciting day as we celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will wave palm branches, our children will share a song, along with beautiful music and message.

## THE LIVING LAST SUPPER Maundy Thursday,



April 14 6:30 pm

We are excited to announce that "The Living Last Supper" is back on our schedule for Holy Thursday. This is a theatrical interpretation of the last meal of Christ, as He tells His disciples His time with them will be ending and that one of them will betray Him. The Chancel Choir along with an orchestra will also be providing story details for this excellent production.

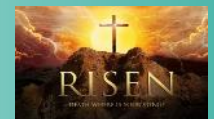


## GOOD FRIDAY The 2nd Holiest Day of the Year

April 15 6:30 pm

Join us on the continuation of the passion story that started Maundy Thursday night. We will be joined by our Chancel Choir and readers who will engage us with a Tenebrae Service, also called a Service of Shadows, which tell of the last moments with Christ before His death. It is the somber truth of Christ's death that leads to His resurrection Easter Sunday.

## EASTER SUNDAY April 17



Join us as we celebrate the Risen Christ!  
Worship Service Times:

6:30 am Sunrise Service on East lawn  
8:30 am Contemporary Service  
11:00 am Traditional Service



Our tradition continues with the "Flowering of the Cross" which represents new life and resurrection. Please bring flowers (fresh or artificial) with you, as well as a few extra to share with others. There will also be containers for offerings of canned goods. This food offering has grown significantly over the past several years, so let's continue to feed the hungry in our community.



St. Andrew's Annual Spring Cleanup Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 2nd**. We will begin at 8 am. Please bring hand gardening tools, gloves and a hat. Water will be provided.

Many hands make light work—come help spruce up our campus for Spring!



## MUSICIANS ARE COOL

Come check us out! If you've been thinking about joining the choir and have been putting it off, now's the time to join in. *We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.* We usually meet for an hour, and we socially distance while we are practicing. If you don't read music, we have plenty of people to help guide you. We will soon be starting Easter music.

If you have any questions please contact Libby (225-752-2903 or [LShackelford@saumcbr.com](mailto:LShackelford@saumcbr.com)), or find a choir member.

*Thank you!*

Dear members and friends of St. Andrew's,

Words cannot express our appreciation for your generosity of heart and hand in helping us assist so many families who were drastically impacted by Hurricane Ida. The supplies and monetary gift you brought allowed us to feed many, as well as equip response teams with necessary supplies to tarp and muck out homes. Thank you so much, you have our gratitude and prayers.

May God bless,

Rev. JoAnne Pounds  
Belle Chasse UMC

Dear St. Andrew's,

On behalf of OLOL Children's Hospital, we thank you for the donation of comfort caddies. Items like these make such a difference in our patients' lives, especially the family members staying in the hospital.

Sincerely,

OLOL Foundation

The Louisiana Conference gratefully acknowledges that St. Andrew's paid 100% of the 2021 Apportionments in December, which allows the ministry of Jesus Christ to continue through the United Methodist Church in all areas of the world.



## Missions

The Missions Team was busy in November & December, 2021, raising funds through the Change to Make A Change project to provide contributions to make our Christmas Adopt A Family project a reality. As part of St Andrew's UMC's partnership with out two community middle schools, Southeast Middle School & Woodlawn Middle School, our church adopts 10 families for Christmas, 5 from each school. We provided a meal, gift cards, toys, candy and other gifts for 37 children and their parents. Thank you to the community of St Andrew's for your generosity in making this possible.



Another recent activity for our community was held by the Transitions Sunday School class who periodically provide caddies filled with personal care items, Jimmy John gift card, quarters (for the vending machines), snacks and prayer card for the caregivers of children at OLOL Children's Hospital.

Transitions class gathered the caddy items, stuffed the caddies and delivered 20 caddies in early January, 2022.

In January our church collected warm, winter items for the homeless, which were delivered by the truckload by Ray Davis. Thank you to everyone for helping those in need!



Our Missions Team welcomes Jason Spears to our group in 2022. We will continue to support community outreach and welcome suggestions about partnering with other groups at the church.

Peace & grace to all!

Georgia Ford, Chairperson



Always keep HOPE Ministries in mind when buying food. St. Andrew's has always been a faithful provider to this ministry. A large bin is located in the back of the Narthex for Food Bank donations.

HOPE Ministries can always use the following:

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Rice & Red/ Kidney Beans
- Flour & Sugar
- Cereal & Grits
- Juice
- Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, mouthwash, etc.)
- Canned Meats/Vegetables
- Mac n' Cheese
- Diapers
- Paper products
- Recycled plastic grocery bags

If you would like to volunteer to work or take food to HOPE Ministries (occasionally or frequently), please contact Celia Musick at 756-8964 or Ray Davis at 753-5100.

We are making an impact! In December, 26 pounds of food was delivered to HOPE from St. Andrew's!



We will once again be offering the opportunity to purchase Easter Lilies to adorn our Sanctuary Easter morning. Cost will be \$12.50 per plant, and must be ordered by Wednesday, April 6, and can be placed in memory or in honor of loved ones. Order forms will be available in March.

## Calling All Graduates!



Graduation is such a special time for the student and their family. Your church family would love to celebrate with you! If you or your child will be graduating this Spring (from high school, college, etc) **please let the church office know by April 17** so the student can be recognized during our annual Senior Sunday the beginning of May.





Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.  
*Proverbs 22:6 NIV*

## Next Sunday Funday February 20



Join us for our Mardi Gras Mambo Lent Event February 20 at 9:45 am. Breakfast (King cake and pancakes) will be served. There will be a short children's message about Lent and other fun activities! Take home Lent kits will be available.

## Save the Date - April 10



Palm Sunday is on April 10th, and we invite all children to participate in the annual palm procession at our 11:00 am service, where kids from Children's Church will also be singing. Beginning in February, Haleigh Wingate will be working with the kids for a few minutes each Sunday during the 11:00 am Children's Church. We'd love for your kids to participate.



## RESCHEDULED TO FALL 2022

We are planning our next trip to The Holy Land, and are so excited to shepherd our next group of pilgrims to this amazing place. Dates will be announced soon.

If you'd like to go or need additional information, please contact Rev. Tom ([capt\\_ten@yahoo.com](mailto:capt_ten@yahoo.com)) or Libby ([LShackelford@saumcbr.com](mailto:LShackelford@saumcbr.com)).



## LIVING REMEMBRANCES

The following gifts have been received in memory of someone special:

In memory of Jackie Roshto  
*Given by Lonna Willingham*  
In memory of John & Charlene Maxwell  
*Given by their children and grandchildren*

St. Andrew's accepts memorial or honorarium gifts at any time and in any amount. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor someone who has been a special influence in your life.

Please see Karen Agnew in the Finance Office should you have any questions.

Families had a great time at December's Sunday Funday celebrating Jesus' Birthday!



If you are looking for ways to share gifts of time or talent, our Children's Ministry offers many exciting opportunities!

Please contact: Kathy Craft: (225) 975-2217  
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2021 was a roller coaster year for the church finances. We began the year with a projected \$27,000 deficit that would be covered by our reserves. These reserves have been slowly built up over the lifetime of the church. These reserve funds are set up to cover the months and possibly years that giving does not match our expenditures. At one point in the summer our deficit spending verses income was in excess of \$70,000. If it were not for these reserves we would have been in a very difficult situation.

As the year progressed and the Federal Government forgave our \$64,000 PPP loan and allowed it to become a grant our financial situation began to look more hopeful. When November came we had our largest giving for any one month period of the year. In fact it appears to be our largest November giving in the recent history of the church. When January 1, 2022 came and the books were reconciled we found that we ended the year with a net income of \$1,200. This would not have been possible if it were not for the generous giving of all members and friends of the church.

As we start 2022 we are hopeful that it will be a good year. The budget for this year has been reduced to bring us closer to what we project expenditures verses income will be. At this time based on pledges that have been received along with other projected income we could be facing as much as a \$60,000 deficit. However, if the outstanding pledges come in we should be able to have another good year. This situation will be monitored month by month.

As an added note, if at any time in the year our spending reaches a deficit of \$50,000, all spending is suspended. At that point the Finance Committee and the Church Council would review all spending and income prior to resuming spending.

If you have not yet turned in your pledge for 2022 please do so soon. Each pledge helps us make decisions about our future ministry. Thank you each one for all you did and all you gave in 2021 to be part of the ministry of Christ through St. Andrew's.

Loads of family fun!  
More details coming soon!

*Celebration*  
*40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*St. Andrew's*  
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