

Saint Andrew's UMC Newsletter

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Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age." — Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

Happy Easter! Jesus is Risen! It's been a couple of weeks since we celebrated Easter. I still have in my heart the beautiful feeling of Easter Morning in the top of the East Rock Park. There were over 90 people from different denominations gathered at 6:00 am to proclaim together that our Savior is alive and still acting on the world. I love to see the beautiful Easter outfits and family pictures. I love celebrations where families and friends gather together to share the love and great food.....It seems like everyone is a little nicer, everyone is a little happier, how can you not! It is Easter day! Think about it without the resurrection, there is no church. Without the resurrection, there is no salvation! Without the resurrection, there is no eternal life. Our whole doctrine is based on this Good News and the only response to that beautiful gift is to worship, not for one day, not just for a season, but all our lives with all we do and with all our hearts.

We are Easter people. People who live out the resurrection by conveying our faith in a way that transforms the world.

There are many biblical accounts of the interaction that Jesus had with his disciples after the resurrection. Jesus kept teaching the way for as long as he was with them and promised the Holy Spirit's help for when he was no longer with them. Jesus went out of his way to reassure his followers but also, he was unequivocal that being Easter people means way more than gather together to celebrate, it is a way of life.

We the Easter people, today's disciples, are still charged with the same commission that the early disciples had. As we celebrate the resurrection, we must also remember that. Therefore, we must go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded us. We must go out of our comfort zone to proclaim the Gospel, to invite others into a relationship with Christ as we grow into our relationship and we must continue to transform the world in Jesus' name.

There is no way around it. There is no excuse. There is no Plan B. Jesus died and resurrected, so we have the privilege to carry on with the greatest news of all, Christ Is Risen, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia, Amen! Ximena

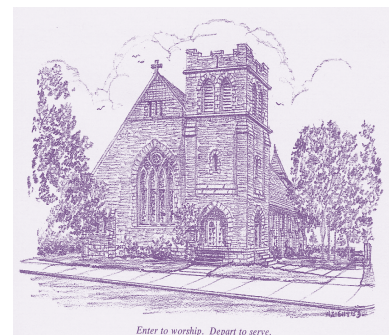


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Dates to Remember:

Clean-Up Day every first Saturday of the month

Native American Ministries Sunday Special Collection, May 5, 2019

Mother's Day May 12

Tag Sale, May 18 9:00am to 3:00pm

District Conference, May 19, 2:00pm

Sunday School Celebration, June 2, 10:30am

Administrative Church Council, June 4, 7:00pm

New York Annual Conference, June 6 to June 9

Peace with Justice Special Collection, June 16

Father's Day June 16

Pastor's vacation, June 17 to July 1

Summer Worship schedule is 10:00 am for July and August



Pastor Ximena is available for talks, prayers and visits. In fact, she would love for you to invite her to visit. Please call the office, her cell phone or email her to set up an appointment. Let her know if you or a loved one is in the hospital.

Our Vital Signs



The mission of The United Methodist Church is to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 22:36-40). This mission is achieved through vital congregations that equip and empower people to be disciples of Jesus Christ in their homes and communities around the world.

The VitalSigns Dashboard is a tool developed by Brick River through GCFA. This tool allows you to track your weekly worship attendance, professions of faith, small group participation, missional participation and financial giving for your congregation. It is a tool designed to help congregations follow their progress on the goals that they set for each year, based upon the goal-setting challenge initiated by the Vital Congregations work. It is in response to the Call To Action to focus on fostering and sustaining an increase in the number of vital congregations effective in the mission of The United Methodist Church.

Date	Worship Attendance	Small Groups Attendance (week)	Pledges & Offerings	Charitable Giving	New Members
4/14/19	32	7	\$710	\$0	0
4/7/19	26	7	\$1375	\$172	0
3/31/19	31	5	\$1035	\$275	0
3/24/19	28	15	\$533	\$0	0
3/17/19	35	0	\$927	\$0	0
3/10/19	31	5	\$393	\$0	0
3/3/19	43	6	\$1104	\$72	0
2/24/19	38	10	\$727	\$0	0
2/17/19	43	13	\$920	\$0	0
2/10/19	24	7	\$782	\$25	0

Finance Report

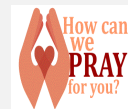
John Quimby, Finance Chairman

I want to thank you for your continued and faithful support allowing St. Andrew's UMC to do really meaningful ministries. As you all know, last year we updated all the long fluorescent lights with LED ones in the Hall, the downstairs rooms and hallway. We also changed our electricity suppliers. We are already starting to see the benefits with those changes in reduced electricity bills. Thank you also for remembering to turn lights we don't need off. These changes not only save us money but are good for the environment. With spring now here we should see lower fuel bills and that will also help our financial status. I want to thank a few people. First a big Thank You to Brenda for having taken on the Treasurer position for the last few years. She has updated our system from the previous manual system that was faithfully maintained for many years by Carolyn Pickup to one that is easier to maintain. A big shout-out to Carolyn too for her many years in this position. Brenda is handing the system over to Carol Lawson, Jamie's wife. On behalf of the members of St. Andrews a big Thank you to all of you.

If anyone has any questions or issues related to their pledges or the church's finances, please feel free to contact me. My home number is 203-248-1556. Thank you and God Bless each of you.



Are you interested in becoming a member of our church or want to learn more about us? Please contact the pastor.



Here at St. Andrew's, we believe in the power of prayer! If you or someone you know needs prayers, please contact Ximena by phone or email.



Receive updates, prayer requests and what is happening in worship every week, subscribe to our mailing list by emailing us, office@standrewsnh.com



To all who participated on our St. Patrick Dinner. Especially Jamie for preparing it for us.

Brenda Burgos for serving as our treasurer since January 2016! We are grateful for your leadership.



Special Thank you to our Sunday School teachers, Carol Tripp, Brenda Burgos and their assistants, Joan Gans, Ross Grippen, Diana Grippen, Nicole and Briannah Morales. We couldn't do it without you! A Special recognition to Carol for running our program with excellency. God bless you all.



In 2019 the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Program will try a new method to make it easier and more fun getting items to put in those boxes for underprivileged children. These items are given with love in the name of Jesus Christ. More details will come in the next newsletter. In the meantime, if you want to obtain and donate any items or money a list is below and envelopes will be on the side table.

On behalf of my family and ALL the children of the world we have helped
THANK YOU.



We serve God by serving others; here is what you can do: *Connectional Giving* — all of us giving together — allows United Methodists to do together what we cannot do alone. We join in with United Methodists around the world in 6 special collections throughout the year. The money collected goes 100% to a specific mission designated by the general church. For more information, go to UMCGIVING.com. Next Special Collections are **Native American Ministries, May 5th and Peace with Justice, June 16th**. Every first Sunday you can donate to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund**. This money is used by the pastor to help with immediate needs in the community.



Food Pantry Collection, non-perishable items are collected during the month. Every first Sunday of each month all the collected food items will be delivered to a local Food Pantry. Fall and winter months are always challenging, and food pantries are usually empty!



Hope Bags: We are looking for items to fill Hope bags to share with people in a homeless situation around New Haven. So far our members have distributed more than 100 kits. Praise God! Some ideas are: 1-gallon zip lock bags, socks, cereal bars, water bottles, tissues, soap, deodorant, shampoos, etc. You can also donate money to this ministry and we will shop for you!



May

Sandra Guthrie 5/10
Charlene Tobias 5/16
Ximena B. Varas 5/29

June

Irene Bailey 6/3
Ross Grippen 6/7
Junette Cole 6/10
James Lawson 6/16
Jennifer Miessau 6/18
Jesse Carpenter 6/23
Jean Smith 6/27



Children 4 years old and older are invited to join Sunday school class the second third and fourth Sunday of each month.

Sunday School News

The Sunday School will finish the school year with the annual Children's Day activities on Sunday, June 2, 2019. The youth will participate in the service as ushers, readers, greeters, and acolytes. Teachers, assistants, and substitutes will be recognized for their faithful work with the classes. It has been a pleasure to teach the children this year. The Sunday School will resume in September. Everyone is encouraged to attend church during the summer.

Acolytes

We thank our acolytes for their good work. We also thank Tish for supervising the acolytes and filling in when needed.

TAG SALE

Andrew's United Methodist Church

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May 18, 2019
From 9am-2pm
Rain date 6/1/19

Tag Sale and Vendor Tables Available for \$10

Furniture, Clothes, Toys, Home items- Something for Everyone!

All proceeds will support the mission and ministries of St. Andrew's UMC



Tres Dias for Adults

Tres Dias is a community of Christians, from many denominations, supporting one another in our faith journey. On a Tres Dias weekend you will find yourself being drawn into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. What's more, you will be empowered to make an impact in your church, your home, even your workplace! A weekend retreat is a full three-day (typically Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon) experience which includes fellowship, music and activities to help strengthen your relationship with your fellow Christians, the Church and Jesus Christ. A wonderful thing you will discover about the weekend is that it takes the basics of Christianity and makes them personal for you. The opportunity to focus on Christ, for three days, in a loving and open environment, makes your faith come alive! Upcoming retreat for men and women coming this spring!

For more information, talk to pastor about upcoming weekends: Tres Dias Men's 107 May 16 – 19, 2019, Tres Dias Women's 107 May 30 – Jun 2, 2019.



1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (The Voice)

Just as a body is one whole made up of many different parts, and all the different parts comprise the one body, so it is with the Anointed One. We were all ceremonially washed through baptism together into one body by one Spirit. No matter our heritage—Jew or Greek, insider or outsider—no matter our status—oppressed or free—we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Here's what I mean: the body is not made of one large part but of many different parts.

We have several openings in our community to make St. Andrew's a vital congregation that makes disciples in Jesus' name. Consider serving in the following capacity or if there is another gift that you possess that is not listed, we invite you to talk to the pastor.

Altar Care: in charge of decorating the altar depending on the season and theme of worship, change the colors of the Altar, buy and set the communion elements weekly

Administrative Assistant: assists the pastor with administrative tasks like printing bulletins, inserts and other office duties

Adult Group Leaders: organizes and facilitates small faith group formations that would meet at different places and times during the week

Sunday School Assistant Teachers

Sunday's PowerPoint Presentation Leader

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2019

When
MAY 19
1:30 PM

WHERE
West Hartford UMC
1358 New Britain Ave., West Hartford, CT 06110
Host Pastor: Rev. Robert Knebel

Keynote Speaker
Rev. Hector (Benny) Custodio

Inmate #432218 - Testimony of Mayhem & Mindlessness to Mission Mindedness

IF GOD COULD CHANGE HIS LIFE, THE SAME POWER OF GOD COULD CHANGE YOU

NEW YORK CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Dr. Alpher Sylvester, District Superintendent
In Connecticut, After God, We Put People First

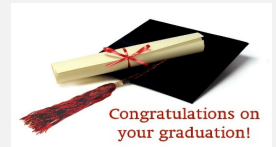
ATTENDANCE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED FOR ALL
ALL ARE WELCOME:

Music by Shepherd Singers
Fred & Adrian Brewington

AGENDA:
1:30 - 2:30 - Lunch & Fellowship
2:30 - 3:00 - Welcome - Conference
Business 3:00 - 4:00 - Ministry 2019
Shepherd Singers in concert and Keynote Speaker Rev. Hector (Benny) Custodio

RSVP @ NYAC.com
For questions contact Mariyam Muhammad 914.615.2227

Note: Gift at sign in



Congratulations to Taylon Marks for graduating from West Haven High School and Javier Varas for graduating from Derby High School.

Taylon will be attending Western Connecticut State University in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology. Javier will be attending UCONN in the fall to peruse a bachelor's degree in Economics.



U.M. ARMY is an acronym which stands for United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth. U.M. ARMY's mission is: "To provide Christ-centered missions that serve people in need and promote spiritual growth and leadership development in youth and young adults."

A team from Saint Andrew's UMC will be going to the mixed age camp from July 14 to 20 in Dover, NH; for more information, please go to: ne.umarmy.org or ask anyone of our team: Nicole Morales, Briannah Morales, Angel Karpel, Javier Varas, Daniel Fleck and Pastor Ximena. We need your prayers and your financial support!



Summer Worship Series: Questions of Faith

Worship starts at 10:00 AM during July/August

This Summer we will be exploring questions of faith. You are invited to submit your question of faith to pastor Ximena. Is there any faith topic you would like to learn more about? Pastor Ximena will pick one question each Sunday and preach about it. Keep in mind not all questions have a black and white answer. Not all questions will be answered. All submissions will be prayed over to discern God's calling to us to reflect on in this season. The hope is that together we can explore what the Bible says about it and what The United Methodist Church doctrine tells us. Submit your question with the following information: What scripture or hymn does this question bring to mind for you? your name and your email or phone number.



We welcome to our church family Chester Sta. Maria Bala who will be Baptized on May 19.

Chester is the son of Roel Bala and Rhoda Sta. Maria.



Easter Flowers 2019

Thank you to all who helped us to make our altar beautiful on Easter Day!

Given By:

Hazel & Wayne Anderson

Irene Bailey

Phillipa Blake

Lucille Clancy

Ross and Diana Grippen

Tish Hubbard

Ralph & Carolyn Pickup

John, Jocelyn & John M.
Quimby

Willie Tart

Carol Tripp

Given By:

Irene Bailey

Willie Tart

Ross and Diana Grippen

In Memory Of:

Howard and Hazel Camp
Ann Beavis
Fern Couture

Those I Loved

Aunt Julia Blake
Arnold Box

Carmela & Julius Streeto
June Clancy

Donald & Beatrice Patton
Arthur & Virginia Grippen
Terry Grippen

Archie & Phyliss LaTulippe
Lexie Michaelson

Ralph & Maude Pickup
James & Lillian Robinson

Marco Sison

Loved ones

Christian Marcaeus Peguer

Thomas & Eva Tripp
Lori Jackson
Donna Francis

In Honor Of:

Those I love now

Carlotta Reyes

Our Church Family



WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS,
COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS

JOIN US

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 AM

Season of Easter Worship Guide – Part I: Living

Easter is more than just a day. It is a 50-day season that marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the ways we live into that reality, just as his disciples did. The season of Easter has long been a time when newcomers to Christianity and those already on the Christian journey revisit the foundations of the faith. In other words, this is a time when people examine basic doctrines, providing, as Laurence Hull Stookey writes, “a time for both discovery and reconsideration.” [1] As a result, our resources will culminate in two four-week series— “Living” and “Loving”—that will focus upon the gospel narratives and ways to integrate these doctrinal pieces into daily Christian living.

The narratives are post-resurrection accounts (Week 2: Jesus and Thomas; Week 3: Breakfast with the disciples), with the exception of Week 4, in which we observe what is often referred to as “Good Shepherd” Sunday. One possible thread to examine is determining how all these actions merge into the greater action of living as a witness of the risen Christ. How do believing, following, and listening intersect to form a way of discipleship in which we confidently share the good news of resurrection? Resurrection is a daily reality, and we live as those marked by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. According to the pattern in the lectionary, we encounter a unique process, which, interestingly enough, might be the opposite of the way we often consider our faith:

Step 1: Believe

Step 2: Follow

Step 3: Listen

4/28 Second Sunday of Easter: Believe in Me

To Live for Jesus is to Believe in Him (Chuck Shit preaching, no communion)

Scripture: John 20:19-31

5/5 Third Sunday of Easter: Follow Me

To Live for Jesus is to Follow Jesus (Rev. Paul Fleck preaching)

Scripture: John 21:1-19

5/12 Fourth Sunday of Easter: Listen to Me

To Live for Jesus is to Listen to Jesus

Scripture: John 10:22-30

PART II: LOVING

This second series focuses on the action of God upon those who believe in and into Jesus and the action stirred among those who believe, thus creating a flow of divine energy from God to the church to the world. All the themes for this series could be subtitled, “by a Loving God”—marked by a loving God, sent by a loving God, and so on.

In the first week, Jesus offers a new commandment to love one another and be known as Jesus’ disciples. This “marking” is the way we are known and has direct connections with our baptism into Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. The second week presents a Trinitarian model in which Jesus and the Spirit are sent by God the Father in a self-giving action. The love that comes from God extends from God to the world. Notice in the Scripture for week three that Jesus says, “I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them” (John 17:26). This is Jesus’ indication that his presence will continue as the body of Christ in the world, and those who join in the body of Christ will know the love given from God. On the Day of Pentecost, the church is born to empower people to go forth and proclaim the love of God throughout the world, in languages far and wide. Loving, then, becomes the natural response and embodiment of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. We live into the reality that Jesus is alive, and we love as a result of it.

5/19 Fifth Sunday of Easter: Marked by a Loving God

Scripture: John 13:31-35

5/26 Sixth Sunday of Easter: Sent by a Loving God

Scripture: John 14:23-29

6/2 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Embodied by a Loving God

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Scripture: John 17:20-26

6/9 NYAC

Day of Pentecost: Empowered by a Loving God part 1

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

6/16 Day of Pentecost: Empowered by a Loving God, part 2

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

6/23 Second Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Psalm 42 (UMH 777), Galatians 3:23-29 & Luke 8:26-39

6/30 Third Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798), Galatians 5:1, 13-25 & Luke 9:51-62

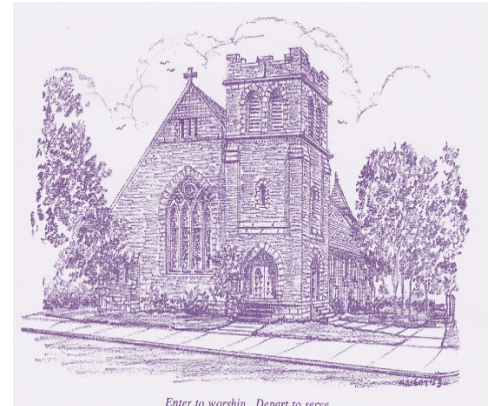
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