

St. Andrew's Ministry and Small Groups
December 2011

Worship

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study—meet at 12:15 Wednesdays throughout the school year for a brief Eucharist, followed by a Bible Study and brownbag lunch in the Parish Hall. Contact rector@standrewsbcs.org for more information

Acolytes

The normal age for Acolytes is fifth grade through twelfth grade, but adults are also welcome, especially college-age persons. We also welcome parents and their children serving together. If you or members of your family are interested in serving as an Acolyte, **Contact Lewis Ford**, ford@physics.tamu.edu, or 846-2759 (home), 845-3337 (work).

Lectors & Eucharistic Minister (formerly known as Lay Readers)

Lectors read the Old Testament Lesson, the Psalm and the Prayer of the People during Sunday Services. A schedule is sent out at the beginning of each month on a rotation basis (most lectors serve one Sunday a month, unless there are five Sundays in a month or special services). Eucharistic Ministers read the Second lesson during the Sunday services and serve the Chalice during Holy Communion. **Contact Joe Jaros**, jjaros@medlib.tamu.edu or 696-8857.

Ushers and Oblationers

Ushers are an important way to contribute to the Sunday services, by assisting at one of the services, helping parishioners be seated, distributing service bulletins, passing the offertory plate and providing assistance for persons going to and from communion. Ushers are assigned to a team of 4 who serve once a month. **Contact Jim Miller**, hjmillercisa@gmail.com 281-657-7945 if you would like more information on ushering or oblationers (serving the bread and wine offered at consecration at the Eucharist.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild of St. Andrew's serves the Lord's table with dedication and purpose. The Guild is made up of men and women, as well as Jr. Altar Guild members who want to set and prepare the sacraments. Guild members are needed for each of the three Sunday services, they are scheduled one time per month at the service they usually attend. **Contact Joyce Perkins**, jpwrpc@earthlink.net

Men and Women's Ministries:

Episcopal Church Women

ECW meets periodically during the school year and programs include guest speakers and outreach events. Within ECW, there are several ways to be involved, including **Cradle Roll** – welcomes new babies; **Food for Families** – delivers meals in times of need; **Church Receptions** – hosts receptions for baptisms, confirmations and funerals; **Cabbies for Christ** – provides transportation to ECW events; **Friends on the Phone** – makes regular contact with parish members. Come join us this year! **Contact Adrienne Frieda**, afrieda@suddenlink.net, or 823-0313.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women communicants of the Episcopal Church whose members take life-long vows to follow a Rule of Life. DOK members are part of a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. At St. Andrew's, the DOK provides spiritual service in support of our parish's needs and work. Meetings held monthly Sept. to May for community and spiritual growth. **Contact Cathy Godfrey**, 779-3984.

Men's Breakfast

Join the men of the church on Thursday mornings for Bible reading & fellowship 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. **Contact Ron Winn**, winnrd@hotmail.com, or **Clifford Hunter**, cliffhunter@suddenlink.net.

Music Ministries

For those looking for ways to be a part of the teamwork of the Christian mission, please consider being a part of one of our musical teams! We have several choirs who gather together each week, working together and creating beautiful sounds, including:

Bell Choir- Practices Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Church, during the school year.

Parish Choir—practices Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. upstairs in the Choir Room, during the school year.

Contact Dr. Alan Strong, Director of Music, 713- 574-6498 or music@standrewsbcs.org.

HOSPITALITY Ministries:

Welcome Team

Join the welcome team and help greet new families to St. Andrew's! The team plans welcome lunches and socials, delivers bread to newcomers and helps stay in touch with new members & families who may have questions about the church. We meet approximately once a month. **Contact Alison Sawyer**, communications@standrewsbcs.org for welcome team information

Hospitality Ministry

The purpose of St Andrew's Hospitality ministry is to create, through foodservice, a welcoming atmosphere of love and friendship, for everyone who enters our facility, and to reach out with a welcoming spirit of inclusion to our community especially those in need. The group meets periodically throughout the year to plan and coordinate First Wednesday Suppers, Lenten Series Retreat and

Dinners, Advent suppers, Vacation Bible School meals, and many other social activities, as well as activities that support our worship events. Please check the poster outside the kitchen for the current meeting and event schedule. **Contact Jennifer Lilleker**, mrsmodelt@hotmail.com, 218-4083.

Bakers

Each Sunday we offer delicious treats that are lovingly provided by members of our St. Andrew's baking team. It's an easy, fun ministry and bakers are assigned only once every few months. Bakers can pair up with other parishioners as well. **Contact Linda Ford**, linford@suddenlink.net, 846-2759.

Small Groups

On Target

On Target meets once a month for one hour of target practice followed by one hour of Bible Study (we'll start by looking at lectionary texts for the following Sunday). All are welcome! Location: Gunsmoke Shooting Range, Snook. Please check the church web calendar for directions and other details.

Contact Fr. Sean, rector@standrewsbcs.org or 822-5176.

Brazos Church Pantry

The Pantry distributes food to those who are in need and volunteers interview clients, sack groceries, and carry items out to the clients' cars. No experience is needed, you can quickly learn through on-the-job-training. Working at the Pantry is a lot of fun and by doing so you are reaching out to other people! Volunteers are needed during any of the hours the pantry is open. Folks from St. Andrew's are the team leaders each Saturday EXCEPT for the first Saturday of each month, so you might feel most comfortable starting on one of those days. For further information about volunteering, about making donations to the Pantry (food or money) or about the ministry of the Pantry, **Contact Lewis Ford** ford@physics.tamu.edu, or 846-2759 (home), 845-3337 (work).

Caring Ministries

Caring for and about each other is an integral part of community life. There are two groups involved with caring, the first is a ***Pastoral Care Ministry***; this group has a training process and visits those who are sick or need prayer. **Contact Clifford Hunter**, cliffhunter@suddenlink.net, 779-4759; or **Cathy Godfrey**, cakes@suddenlink.net, 776-9271.

The second group is the **Caring Ministries group**, and they meet the first Thursday of every month, 12 noon in the library. There is no training required, just bring your loving heart! Contact Jeannine Netterville, 690-6303, jpn@suddenlink.net

Parish Nurse Ministry

Our parish nurse is available for general medical questions, including questions parishioners may have regarding health concerns, medical documents, etc. Special workshops and/or informational presentations may be offered throughout the year. If you would like to get in touch with our parish nurse or if you have suggestions on health/medical topics, contact Cindy Smith, nurse@standrewsbcs.org.

Small Group/Foyer Groups

Foyer Groups are a great way to meet new people from different services. There are 8 persons to a group and they eat dinner in each other's homes during the 4 months, with everyone contributing a dish. It is a great way to get to know people who attend different service times, or just to get to know other church friends in a comfortable, home setting. We typically have foyer groups in the fall and spring.

Contact Madeline Stiles, madeline@century21bcs.com, 574-8997.

SAINTS—St. Andrew's Internet and Networking Team

This group is geared for those who want computers to work for them! Bring a laptop and any troubleshooting questions or specific computer questions. The group meets in the library every Tuesday at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch if you like. **Contact Nancy Browning**, browning.nancy@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Education & Ministries

We are committed to helping the youth of our congregation grow spiritually, and our dedicated teachers lead hands-on activities, such as crafts, music, skits, teaching the children about God's word! We have classes for pre-school, K-5 children, 6-12 grades... join us!

- ☐ **Sunday School** for children and youth takes place in the upstairs classrooms at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays during the school year.
- ☐ **Children's Chapel**—A Worship service for children ages 3 through age eight (approximately); it takes place during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, beginning in —big! church, with an acolyte leading the kids upstairs before the Sermon.
- ☐ **Sunday School & Chapel**—We always welcome new faces for teaching our Sunday School or leading Chapel.
- ☐ **Nursery**- We have a wonderful church nursery for the Sunday 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services and most other activities. The nursery is for infants through age three, and parents are provided with a pager system for quick communication.
- ☐ **Contacts for all children's Christian education programs: Mike Mullen**, Director of Christian Formation, or **Julie Vilas**, Assistant Director of Christian Formation, at education@standrewsbcs.org, or 822-5176.

Adult Education

Adults have many opportunities for spiritual growth through education and activate discussion!

- ☐ **Adult Forum** (Sunday School for adults of all ages) - 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in the parish hall. Meets during the school year, and a summer series is also offered. We always welcome presenters and suggestions for topics each semester. **Contact Lewis Ford**, ford@physics.tamu.edu, or 846-2759 (home), 845-3337 (work).
- ☐ **Centering Prayer Sunday Morning Prayer Group** meets at 10:15 a.m.-10:45 in Fr. Sean's office. A variety of prayer techniques are used. Each Sunday is different so you may choose to attend the prayer group regularly or occasionally. **Contact: Kathleen Phillips**, grammykate55@yahoo.com, 324-4302.
- ☐ **Lectionary Bible Study**, looking at selected readings for each Sunday, meets year-round unless otherwise noted, 7:00 p.m., church Library. **Contact: Clifford Hunter**, 779-4759, **Wayne Etter**, etterwayne@yahoo.com, 696-8972, or **Jim Miller**, hjmillercisa@gmail.com, 281-657-7945.
- ☐ **Rector's Bible Study**, Wednesday evenings during the school year, led by Fr. Sean, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **Contact Fr. Sean**, rector@standrewsbcs.org, 822-5176.
- ☐ **Inquirers' Class**, Sunday mornings, 10:15 a.m. led by Fr. Sean in the Parlor (also a confirmation track), please see the church calendar for the class schedule. **Contact Fr. Sean**, rector@standrewsbcs.org, 822-5176.

Youth & Young Adults

- ☐ **The Youth Group Wednesday Night Bible Study** – (a.k.a. PB&J) in the Youth Hall from 6-7:30 p.m. is open to all students grades 6-12. Activities during the year include finishing homework, relaxed music time, games, bible study, worship, lock-ins, camping trips, progressive fast-food dinners, and community outreach and more!

□ **Gateway**—For young adults, meets Thursdays at one of the young adults' homes, and meets during the year for various outings including camping trips, retreats, and local community events. This group also plans and supports the Saturday evening Downtown Worship service at St. Andrew's, 9 p.m. Become a Gateway Facebook fan for all the latest updates.

Contact: Mike Mullen, youth@standrewsbcs.org, or 822-5176 for more information on these programs.

Additional Committees/Ministries:

Centennial Committee, Contact: Sylvia Grider, grider@neo.tamu.edu

Outreach Council, Contact: Mary Lenn Dixon, Lewis Ford, ford@physics.tamu.edu

Facility Committee, Dutch Elmendorf, e.elmendorf@verizon.net

Parlor Renovations Committee, Chris Spang , 218-0027

Endowment Fund, Bob Wilkinson, brw367@earthlink.net