



St. Andrew's
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Thoughts from Pastor Sarah

Dear Kindred in Christ,

I am grateful for my week of study leave and grateful for the ministry of Tom and Patty Campbell-Schmitt, Sunggu Yang, Marilyn Palumbo, Barb Leahey, Don Feely and others in my absence. I'm so sorry I missed your first more "normal" communion service in two years and that you missed enjoying Kevin's bread, but... June 5 will be here soon enough! And I'm grateful you were in such good hands!

Speaking of June 5, this is Pentecost, and after worship on the 5th I will be hosting a screening of a new film called "Purple: America We Need to Talk" in a zoom forum. I welcome anyone and everyone concerned about the division in our nation and the difficulties we have connecting across lines of political difference to join me at 1 pm on zoom to watch this short film about facilitated dialogue between those of different, strongly held convictions in a particularly purple part of our country. We will then engage in dialogue about what we have seen. I thought Pentecost would be the perfect day for this screening because Pentecost is a day on which the Holy Spirit made it possible for people speaking many different languages to share the good news of Jesus with one another and be understood. Plan to get some lunch or brunch and then log on to zoom for this exciting learning opportunity. Invite friends, family, or neighbors to join in.

One more note about June 5, it would be wonderful to welcome new members on Sunday, June 5. We have had several people express an interest in joining recently. I would love to host an inquirers' class before that date, but that may not be possible. If you know you want to join the church, please reach out to me a.s.a.p. It may be possible to welcome new members and hold the welcoming class in the coming months if folks are ready to make a commitment prior to participating in a class.

Before June 5, on Sunday, May 22, we will be holding a memorial service during our regular Sunday worship time to acknowledge all those lost in the past two years and to honor their memory. We have had memorial services for some, but not all, of those who have died. And many of us have not had the opportunity to bring our memories before God and hear a witness to the resurrection as we remember. Your deacons have been hard at work to plan a very special Sunday of remembrance and we hope many will join us. We especially hope that family and friends of these 17 members of the St. A's family will join us for this special service:

Lee Smith
Norrine Miller
Elsa Wells
Faye McClanahan
Sue McCorkle
Ellen Wilson
Kathryn Heineken
June Rasch

Charlie Brown
Barbara Bledsoe
Jim Ruggles
Doug Peters
Cindi Fraser
Anna Lou Lee
Hal Lee
Roger Cain
Frank Sauer

We will have special ways for children to participate in the service. We will also have ways to honor other losses beyond those reflected on this substantial list. While we hope you will join us every week, in person or on-line, whatever makes the most sense for you, we especially encourage your participation on May 22!

In the meantime, you can count on opportunities to worship with us every Sunday at 10 am, in person or on-line, and for prayer and discussion Wednesday evenings at 6 pm on Zoom, and for relaxed coffee chat conversation Fridays between 10 and 12 on Zoom.

If you have questions or concerns about anything at all, or words of encouragement, I hope you will reach out to me directly. I will find time for you!

Peace be with you, Pastor Sarah

Mask-wearing is now ENCOURAGED, not required during worship. The Session voted unanimously to require vaccination for those attending in-person worship and other St. Andrew's events, with possibility of medical exemption. The COVID task force decided that we will implement this policy via the honor system. We trust the congregation to abide by the vaccination policy and will not require proof.

SEE THE ST. ANDREW'S WEBSITE FOR OUR CURRENT COVID POLICY

SCRIPTURE

May 8

Acts 16:16-34; Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

May 15

Acts 17:16-31; John 1:16-18

New News & Announcements

HILLSDALE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SOLAR FAIR

St. Andrew's is going solar. Now learn how you can get solar power even if you don't have a sunny roof! Come to the Hillsdale Community Foundation's Solar Fair after church on May 15. The Solar Fair runs until 1:00pm, at the Rieke School covered playground next to the Hillsdale Farmer's Market. Fun and informative exhibits show and explain how to tap into solar power at your own home or business to lessen greenhouse gas emissions.

We'll have exhibits from installers. A solar subscription service offers solar power to those who don't own their own sunny roof--sign up and get a bag of coffee! Learn about opportunities to help low-income homeowners get panels, and how solar co-ops can help non-profits go solar. Local schools and the UO School of Architecture will have cool interactive displays. If it's sunny, we'll have a solar telescope to peer into!

This event is presented by the Hillsdale Community Foundation as part of its mission to strengthen and support the greater Hillsdale community by initiating and nurturing educational, informative, aesthetic, environmental and artistic programs and projects for the purpose of community building. Questions? Contact Amy Houchen.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. ANDREW'S - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH!

St. Andrew's is hosting a blood drive on May 17th, from 11:00am-4:00pm in our Chapel, and it is good timing. April 19 - May 19 is National Volunteer Month with the American Red Cross! During this event all blood donors will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice, and automatically be entered for a chance to win a new travel trailer camper that sleeps eight. Sign up now while time slots are still plentiful. And please spread the word to other individuals and community entities you interact with! Let's show our neighborhoods the commitment St. Andrew's has to serving and ministering to those in our midst.

Learning & Fellowship Opportunities

Members of all classes and groups are encouraged to continue reading and studying at home. Please contact your group leader if you do not find a list or link below.

ANTI-RACISM STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Anti-Racism Study Group will be Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 6pm on Zoom. We are listening to and discussing the podcast series, the 1619 project, released in 2019. This month we will be discussing episode 5. There are many dimensions to this project, including a recently released book, but we are focusing on the podcast. Check out their interactive website for an introduction to the project as a whole. Questions? Or interested in getting connected? Please contact Pastor Sarah.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Several St. Andrew's men meet on first and third Wednesdays at 7am, usually in Pastor Tom's living room (with masks and distance). They will be studying 1 Samuel in their upcoming gatherings. New participants are welcome. For more information, please contact Larry Patterson or the church office. Virtual participation is available upon request.

ENNEAGRAM STUDY GROUP

On the fourth Saturday of every month, we gather on Zoom at 1:00 pm to discuss the Enneagram-- a system for understanding human personality and relationships. We are once again considering one type at a time as 2022 unfolds. Our April discussion will focus on Type 5-- The Investigator. I encourage those interested in joining us to find an hour to watch a panel of type 5 speakers from last year's Enneagram and Coffee summit. Participants are also encouraged to review other literature or web information about type 5. Make note of what you observe/learn and join us Saturday, May 28 at 1:00pm on Zoom to discuss what you learned and are left wondering after viewing the panel and/or reading. All are welcome to join us on this journey of deeper self-understanding.

POP ARTS & FAITH - FILM, ADVERTISING, & FASHION

What do pop arts have to do with Christian faith? What intersections do we see between the two unlikely genres? Wait a sec! Doesn't Jesus also make good use of pop arts of his own time in the Gospels? Let's explore these fun questions and more in this course! Guess what? We will begin the first session with Queen's legendary song, "Bohemian Rhapsody." This series of four classes have been re-scheduled to the month of July, July 3, 10, 17, and 24, before worship from 9:00-9:50am, in person in the chapel, and will be led by Rev. Sunggu Yang. Recommended text (completely optional): Sunggu A. Yang's, Arts and Preaching: An Aesthetic Homiletic for the 21st Century, especially chapters 4 and 5.

Service Opportunities

We know that there are many requests for basic needs assistance right now. Please contact the Church Office Admin or Mission Team Leader if you have questions or need help with drop-off or deliveries. We hope that you find one or more opportunities that call to you, and please know that any amount of support is appreciated and makes a big difference!

ZIPLOC MINISTRY

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 11:45 - 12:15pm: ZIPLOC/DONATION DROP-OFF

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 10:00 - 12:00pm: ZIPLOC FILLING

During stressed times, our monthly donations make a huge difference to our partners. You can sign up to bake a casserole for West Women's and Children's Shelter, or provide other needed items listed below. Bring your donations to FIRST SATURDAY DONATION DROP-OFF, a great time of fellowship at St. Andrew's! Here are the most requested items:

- NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FOOD PANTRY: feminine hygiene products (especially sanitary pads), diapers (especially larger sizes), canned fruits, canned tuna, soups and chili
- WEST WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER: toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant cleaner
- HYGIENE 4 ALL: NEW underwear, socks, leggings, T-shirts of all sizes, men's pants, gently used men's walking shoes
- ZIPLOCK MINISTRY: socks, pop-top tuna, pop-top chili or ravioli, water (10-12 oz), Gatorade (10-12 oz), travel toothbrushes/toothpaste

Our masked volunteers will greet you curbside in front of the church to receive your donations. We will also have lots of filled Ziplocs available for pickup and delivery. If you would like to support this ministry financially please send your donation marked "Ziploc Ministry" to the church. Contact Marilyn with questions. Thanks for your generosity to St. Andrew's ministries!

HELP RESETTLE AN AFGHAN FAMILY

Extend hospitality to strangers. Romans 12:13b

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

A group of St. Andrew's members (Carolyn Gazeley and Brad Van Allen, Rebecca and Scott Nasson, Ric Tower, Steve Griffith, Amy Houchen), former members, and people from the local community have joined together to resettle Afghan refugees. The first two refugees are a brother and sister in their twenties and thirties, who came through the humanitarian parole program. Both have been living at the Houchen/Wise house for several weeks, since their housing allowances expired. Both are learning English, to improve their employability.

The group has found them an apartment which, with utilities, will cost about \$1650 per month, only some of which may be covered by Oregon's Afghan housing assistance program. There will also be costs for the rental deposit; obtaining asylum papers; drivers' licenses; and gas, insurance, and maintenance for a car (one may be donated). We have gathered most of the furniture they will need, and also some of such necessities as kitchenware.

While much of the process can be accomplished with volunteering of time and supplying material goods, money is necessary, too. The Session has approved a designated fund for the purpose. Donations to the Afghan Refugee Fund should include your name and address, and indicate whether you're a member of St. Andrew's. Questions? Ask Amy Houchen, or Rebecca Nasson.

ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS

The St. Andrew's quilters meet on the second and third Wednesdays of each month at 9:30. Their beautiful creations are donated to organizations that provide warmth to those in need. All are welcome to join them! Contact Gail Planck for more information.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Food Pantry donations:

See their website for an up-to-date list of their most needed donation items.

Volunteer Needs:

M-F 9am-4pm Food Pantry:

- In-Pantry Support: Prep food boxes, stock shelves, and help out in the food pantry
- Food Delivery: Deliver 1-3 food boxes in a personal vehicle to clients
- Bulk Food Assistance Prep: Active shift that consists of prepping food boxes, loading a truck, driving in a personal vehicle to the apartment building, and helping unload the truck

Fill out an application online to get started, or see their website for a full list of opportunities.

HYGIENE4ALL DONATIONS

H4A is always in need of donations of clean clothes, gently used or newly purchased, or money for the purchase of clean clothes (particularly fresh underwear). H4A is also in need of fresh, small (travel-sized) hygiene items (hotel shampoo and conditioner, for example). Please do not donate partially used items. Here are the most needed clothing items: new underwear (must be new), socks, basic T-shirts of all sizes, leggings, pants (especially men's sizes 30 to 34), gently used men's walking shoes (most requested sizes 10 to 12), stretchy dresses. If you would like to lead a donation drive for H4A or work on one of their other needed projects, contact Marilyn. If you'd like to read more about H4A check out their website. Money donations can also be made directly to H4A.

Virtual Gatherings & Events

Sunday, May 8 & 15

10:00am Worship, Zoom & Facebook
(also in person)

Friday, May 6 & 13

10:00am Virtual Coffee Chat, Zoom
password if needed-coffee

Wednesday, May 11 & 18

6:00pm Virtual Evening Prayer, Zoom

Reminders & Ongoing News

SOLAR PANELS - THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generosity, we have all the donations and pledges we asked for! The only financial piece remaining is finding someone who can use the tax credits to shelter rental income. (The church, which doesn't pay taxes, can't use the credits.) The solar firm we're working with is searching, but if you know a good candidate, let us know, Amy Houchen or Steve Cook.

EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

PC(USA) is responding to the crisis in Ukraine by providing funding for sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are on the ground in the region and already experienced in receiving refugees from Central and

Eastern Europe. If you would like to help support this work you can make a financial donation through their website. If you would prefer to donate through St. Andrew's, indicate this with your giving and we will forward it on for you. See the flyer below for more ways to support these relief efforts.

RIDES TO CHURCH

We are grateful St. Andrew's is now open for Sunday worship services and are anxious to reunite with friends, fellow members, and all who wish to be part of this. To help make this happen, some of our Deacons are starting a program to give rides to church to people who need them. If you would be interested in receiving this service, or know someone else who would, please let us know so we can get you on our list. If you would be interested in being a driver, please let us know that too. With enough volunteers people may only be needed once a month. Contact the office, Merrie Backer, or Larry Kelly to sign up, or if you have any questions.

FREE COVID TEST KITS

A second round of free, at-home Covid Test Kits are now available to order online. If you have already ordered and received these kits you are eligible to do so again. Go to the same website as before to place your order. If you have any other questions feel free to contact Pastor Sarah.

COVID VACCINE AND BOOSTER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommend that everyone age five and over receive a Covid vaccine. Additionally, they recommend that everyone over the age of twelve who are 2-6 months (depending on which vaccine you received) past their last Covid shot get a booster. Vaccines and boosters can be found through your provider, or at local pharmacies using the Get Vaccinated Oregon (GVO) locator map. Pop-up sites have also been established by the Oregon Health Authority and individual counties. See their website for a list of high volume vaccination locations by city. Most of these are for walk-ins only, so be prepared for varying wait times.

Member Database Access is available anytime. Contact the office to get set up.

COME TOGETHER WITH ST. ANDREW'S IN 2022

Thanks to the many who have answered the call to come together by making pledges in support of St. A's ministry in 2022. If you haven't yet done so, it's not too late! Don't forget to send in your pledge card, or make a pledge online. Additional pledge cards are located in the narthex.

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of St. Andrew's through your online donations and checks sent by mail.

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