



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

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Thoughts from Pastor Sarah

Pastor Sarah is on vacation and will return on Sunday, July 3rd. Tom and Patty Campbell-Schmitt are on call for pastoral care while she is away and Dr. Yang will fill the pulpit. Please contact the office for any other needs.

Sarah left me a few notes to share with you this week while she is gone -

This weekend we will say farewell to Elijah, who has been in the role of taking care of St. Andrew's tech needs since earlier this year. They are leaving for summer employment adventures and we wish them well. Please take some time to say goodbye this Sunday. Elijah will also be training someone new to take over these duties. We look forward to introducing them next week!

Also, please plan on attending the July 3rd service if you are available, especially families with children. Pastor Sarah plans to hold a very 'kid-centric' worship service for her first Sunday back, and would love to see as many of them there as possible. It should be fun!

I am hearing from many of you that summer vacation season is here and lots of travel is happening. I wish you all safe journeys and look forward to seeing you around the building again when you're back. As Sarah's vacation travel progresses we will share a little bit about what she's up to as she spends time with friends and family back east. Feel free to reach out to me in the meantime if there's something I can assist you with.

In peace,
Katy (in the office)

Mask-wearing is now STRONGLY 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

June 19

Mark 15:33-37; Luke 23:44-46

June 26

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

New News & Announcements

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

As with last year, St. Andrew's Sunday worship time will move to 9:00am during July and August. We will resume our 10:00am worship time in September. Hopefully this will help us beat the heat on those hot summer days. Please help spread the word.

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

In the last couple of days some of you have received emails from someone claiming to be Pastor Sarah and asking for some sort of financial assistance. Please be aware that these are a scam, and you should ignore and delete them. Pastor Sarah would never ask for any sort of funding in this capacity, whether it be cash, money transfer, or some sort of gift card.

If you do receive one of these fake requests feel free to contact Katy, in the office, to let us know or with any questions. We can assure you that the email you received was most definitely not from Sarah. And please let others know about this as well so we can keep everyone protected from these predators.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Families in St Andrew's will soon be receiving a 'Faithful Families' handbook for putting faith into action with your family, for this summer and beyond! This book is full of thoughtful ideas to help your children live out their faith. Children's ministry is happy to provide this guide and wishes you a grand summer (Lighthouse will resume in September; kids older than 4 years will remain in Worship with their parents during the summer months).

SUPPORT FOR MULTNOMAH SAFE REST VILLAGE

The Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village is a new neighborhood group formed to be active voices in support of the Multnomah Safe Rest Village that opened this week at the Sears Armory site in the Multnomah neighborhood, and managed by All Good Northwest. Their goals are to welcome neighbors to the SRV and provide a variety of supports for its participants and staff. They are also eager to partner with faith communities in SW Portland that share their sense of mission around this work, and St. Andrew's is actively leading in the effort to grow these connections and relationships. We encourage you to visit their website to learn more, and to join their Facebook group to receive the most current updates. If you live in the Multnomah neighborhood you can also request yard or window signs stating your support through their website. Stay tuned for further updates as they unfold!

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FOOD PANTRY TOURS

The Neighborhood House Food Pantry is moving! Their new location on Barbur Blvd will let them expand on their food pantry and senior programs with larger receiving, production, and storage capacities, a larger shopping area, and easier public access for both recipients and volunteers. They are offering free tours of this new space all summer long, which will also include information on their capital campaign to make this project a success. See their website for more information, or go to their Sign-Up Genius to schedule your tour.

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.

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. We will not gather in June, but will resume our gatherings in July. Our July discussion will focus on Type 6-- The Loyalist. I encourage those interested in joining us to find an hour to watch a video from last year's Enneagram and Coffee summit.

Participants are also encouraged to review other literature or web information about type 6. Make note of what you observe/learn and join us Saturday, July 23 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 are scheduled for, July 3, 10, 17, and 24, after worship from 10:15-11:00am, 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, JUNE 25, 10:00 - 12:00pm: ZIPLOC FILLING

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 11:45 - 12:15pm: ZIPLOC/DONATION DROP-OFF

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, June 19 & 26

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

Friday, June 17 & 24

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

Reminders & Ongoing News

LOVE PLAY? JOIN US IN THE NURSERY!

Children's Ministry needs your help in the Nursery, where our wonderful teacher Aubrey holds court with the youngest in our church. (And the Sunday School teachers need a rest!) Sign up online to be the second adult in the Nursery to help Aubrey care for the littlest ones among us. (Kids older than 4 years will remain in Worship with their parents during the summer months.)

FREE COVID TEST KITS BY MAIL, AND AT ST. ANDREW'S

A third round of free, at-home Covid test kits are now available to order online. This time you will receive eight boxes instead of four. If you have already ordered and received these kits previously this year you are eligible to do so again. Visit the same website as before to place your order.

Additionally, St. Andrew's has received four cartons of Covid test kits from Multnomah County. They will mostly be distributed through our Ziploc ministry, but if you or someone in your community are in need and have not yet received your free kits we can make some of our supply available to you. Contact the office if you have any questions or requests.

NEW MEMBERS

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Andrew's? Let Pastor Sarah know today! And keep your eyes posted for the next Inquirers' Class.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE MULTNOMAH SAFE REST VILLAGE

The Multnomah Safe Rest Village is one of six such sites scheduled to open in Portland in the near future. Because of its proximity to St. Andrew's we are publicly committing our support to the success of this location, and its goal to provide short term housing and wrap-around services to individuals currently living outside as they are supported in their journeys to acquiring permanent housing. A statement of support intended to be sent to public officials and other community entities was drafted, and approved by your Session last month. It states:

We at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Southwest Portland are writing to express our support of the Safe Rest Village that will occupy the Sears Armory site on SW Multnomah Blvd. One of our church's core values is to be in service to our neighbors, and this includes all who live in our midst whether in or outdoors, permanently or temporarily sheltered, and especially those who have no shelter at all. We look forward to developing strong relationships with the Safe Rest Village participants and All Good Northwest, and working together to make this a successful program where people can learn to live and thrive into permanent housing. Knowing that the proposed Safe Rest Villages are facing opposition from many in our city, we want to publicly proclaim that there are also many of us who are in support of these efforts to find sustainable solutions to getting people off the streets and into housing that supports their needs. St. Andrew's is also leading efforts to build a coalition of faith communities in Southwest Portland to amplify this support even more. Please feel free to reach out to us as needed, as a resource to strengthen your work in creating humane solutions to homelessness that maintain the dignity we all deserve as beloved children of God.

Pastor Sarah and Katy are currently working with a group of other faith leaders in Southwest Portland, as well as the Hillsdale Assistance Team, to find collaborative ways we can work with our neighbors at this Safe Rest Village to serve the common good of all those in its midst. Feel free to reach out to them for more information, and more updates will come as our work unfolds.

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.

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.

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.

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. Visit the CDC website to stay up to date on all their recommendations and guidelines.

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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