



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

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Thoughts from Your Session

We wish to express a big thank you from Gwen Wildfong's family (and Pastor Amy) to all who assisted on Saturday to make the celebration of Gwen's life possible. From setup crew to ushers and other volunteers throughout the morning's service, you were all fabulous and made this a wonderful experience for all in attendance.

This week's message from members of Session comes from Steve Planck, who has given us the following tech update regarding our ongoing struggles with having virtual access to each week's services. We are so grateful for and appreciative of Steve's talents and time as he continues to work on addressing this matter.

Live Streaming Sunday Worship Services

For reasons that AI won't tell us, Facebook still will not allow us to live stream to our Facebook page. We know that you may want to revisit a sermon after Sunday has come and gone or send a service to a friend or loved one to view.

Here's a temporary option:

Send a Facebook friend request to **Jennifer StAs** (<https://www.facebook.com/jennifer.stas.37>). Once you are on that friend list, you should be able to watch the service live or at a later time. Thank you for your patience!

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session

SCRIPTURE

August 9 2 Timothy 4:1-8 <i>Luke 18:9-14</i>	August 16 Psalms 133:1-3 <i>Matthew 15:21-28</i>
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News & Notes

Dear brothers and sisters in faith: When I served on the St. Andrew's staff (1990s-2009), I was encouraged and financially supported as I worked my way through the extensive PC(USA) Certified Christian Educator training. Now, as Elder of Christian Formation, I'd like to share a bit of what I've learned, with a brief message each month.

This month introduces a new subject: KING DAVID in the New Testament. He looms large against Goliath. He brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and wanted to build a suitable home for it. He composed a third of the Psalms expressly for worship. For being "fearfully and wonderfully made," David gives God praise. God tells the Prophet Samuel that this shepherd boy is "A man after my own heart."

A thousand years later, God gifted the world with God incarnate, our Lord, Jesus. A sinless man who saves the world from sin. The God of the Already and the Not Yet was at work and doing something new. But the New Testament makes clear that God's promises to, and about King David, are very much part of the Church's faith life even today. St Augustine wrote, "The New [testament] is in the Old concealed; the Old [testament] is in the New revealed."

Scholar Michael Hardt of The Bible Center identifies nine different themes that embed King David in the New Testament. Here they are:

- The SON of David, The THRONE of David, The HOUSE of David,
- The FAITHFUL MERCIES, The TABERNACLE, The SEED of David, and,
- The KEY, The ROOT and The OFFSPRING of David.

Let's walk through each of these. They invite us to use our holy imagination, as we welcome King David himself into the Gospel.

Roberta Schlechter, CCE

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP – COME JOIN US!

NOTE: Family Fellowship has been postponed by a week.

We hope you'll stop in next Sunday, August 16, to see what this monthly gathering is all about. This is an all-ages, family-focused service (with meal provided). Children in attendance will hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson. And adults get a chance to socialize with one another and enjoy this time of fellowship while the kiddos do their thing. Guests are always welcome! If you would like to join us, please contact Roberta Schlechter, Elder of Christian Formation.

WARM SPRINGS IS FEELING YOUR LOVE!

A special message from the Presbytery this week:

First, a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has so generously supported our Warm Springs Fire Relief efforts. Your response has been overwhelming, and it's a beautiful reminder of what it means to be the Connectional Church.

Thanks to your generosity, **our first relief check was mailed this week**, bringing your love and support directly to the Warm Springs community. At present, **\$15,520 has been received** for Warm Springs Fire Response. These gifts will allow our Warm Springs leaders to identify supplies and address needs that we know will arise in the months to come, long after the short-term relief has run out.

We also want to extend our deepest appreciation to the many **"boots on the ground in Warm Springs"** who are working tirelessly in the community—meeting immediate needs now and preparing for the long road of recovery ahead.

But in the meantime... **hold on just a minute!** As we've continued to listen and discern the best way to help, our plans have shifted a bit. We've learned that the needs extend well beyond baby supplies. Families are also in need of **cleaning supplies and other essential household items** as they begin the difficult work of returning to and restoring their homes.

Here's an updated list of ways to help:

- **Monetary Donations:** At this point, financial gifts are the most helpful response. Funds will be distributed weekly to the appropriate local leaders and organizations for immediate and emerging community needs. (Click on the "Donate" button at the top-right corner of the Presbytery's webpage (<https://cascadespresbytery.org/>) to donate directly through the Presbytery.)
- **Baby Supplies:** Our original request remains in place:
 - Baby formula (with the latest possible "use by" date)
 - Diapers (all sizes)
 - Baby wipes

St. A's has a barrel designated for donations for Warm Springs outside the church office, but if you prefer to drop off your items in person, our nearest Presbytery collection site is:

Bethany Presbyterian Church
15505 NW Springville Rd., Portland
503-645-1166

Drop-Off Times

Monday - Thursday: 9am-1pm

Friday: 10am-12pm

Sunday mornings (before and after church service)

- **Additional Community Relief:** We also encourage you to connect with Central Oregon Peacekeepers, who are providing boots-on-the-ground support throughout the community. In addition, numerous donation sites have been established throughout the Portland area. For current drop-off locations and updates, please visit the Papalaxsimisha Facebook page.

Recovery is just beginning, and we know additional needs will emerge in the weeks and months ahead. We'll continue to keep you informed as opportunities arise to support our friends and siblings in Warm Springs. Thank you for your compassion, your generosity, and your prayers.

GOT YARN?

Sally Kabat is seeking donations of acrylic yarn for doll-sized blankets she knits (that accompany dolls that Carol Stanfield makes), which are then donated to local children. Perhaps you have some yarn leftover from your own projects? Sally will pick up any yarn donations after Sunday's worship service. If you need to coordinate a pickup, please contact Gail Planck. Or stop into the office next week to drop anything off and we'll make sure Sally receives your unused yarn. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF MULTNOMAH SRV SUMMER BBQ

We're only a few short weeks away from the annual Multnomah Safe Rest Village's Summer BBQ! The Friends of Multnomah SRV are still looking for folks to make and/or bring dishes (plenty of desserts already but the picnic-style meats and side salads could use a few more volunteer slots filled to feed the 100 attendees) and beverages (sparkling/flavored water). Sign up to help feed our neighbors in need at the SRV today!

This summer celebration provides a comforting and hearty BBQ feast for the participants and staff at our Safe Rest Village and is greatly appreciated by all. The Urban Alchemy staff and volunteers will handle the grilling, but we need other items (meats, veggies, fruit, bread, desserts, and drinks) to round out the meal. Sign up to help feed our neighbors in need at the SRV today! (<https://www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/1r702z>) You may drop off your food items between **11:30am-12:00pm on Thursday, August 20** in the MSRV parking lot.

TEMPORARY CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the St. A's will be adjusting hours for the next two weeks, operating Monday-Thursday from 9:30am-3:30pm. Normal hours will resume on Monday, August 24.

THANK YOU!

We praise God for this congregation's beautifully resilient, giving heart. Your rapid response and assistance have sustained many through recent life-altering trials. We also thank you for your faithful support of our global and local Missions.

ON SUMMER BREAK

The following Mission, Ministry, and Fellowship groups are taking a break for the summer and will reconvene in the Fall:

- Spiritual Formation
- Ziploc Ministry
- WWCS Meal Delivery
- Sanctuary Choir
- St. A's Book Club

Learning & Fellowship

BE A "COFFEE ANGEL" DURING FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are always needed on Sundays to make post-worship coffee hour & fellowship happen. If you would like to sign up for one or more Sundays, please do so on the SignUp Genius link. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join us in this virtual Men's Bible Study on Zoom when we resume on **Wednesday, August 12 at 7:00am**. Can't make it for this next study session? Not to worry! This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month using this same Zoom link. Contact Larry Kelley for more information.

Connected In Christ

In this section, you will find information about events published by the Presbytery of the Cascades and other local churches and like-minded groups who uphold the vision, values, and mission of St. Andrew's. By supporting those beyond our walls, we show that the Connectional Church helps us achieve more together than we ever could alone.

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS: CASCADES

Saturday, August 29, 10am - 3:30pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Confident in God's hopeful future and grateful for the ever-widening welcome of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Covenant Network of Presbyterians seeks an equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society.

Covenant Conversation: Cascades is an invitation to look more closely — at scripture, at the stories around us, and at ourselves — and to grow in our ability to recognize the image of God in all God's people. Through worship, conversation, and a range of workshops, we'll explore what the Bible and our faith tradition have to say about inclusion, support church leaders navigating hard conversations, and ask together what it means to be faithful witnesses in a time when LGBTQIA+ rights and dignity are under real pressure. Whether you're just beginning this journey or have been walking it for years, you belong in this conversation.

Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. (Discount codes are available for groups and for those in financial need or current students.) For information about the great topics potentially covered during the day's workshops, and to complete the registration form, visit <https://www.covnetpres.org/events/cascades>

Mission & Ministry

*If you have any questions about our ministries
or would like to be a part of our Mission Team, contact Marilyn Palumbo.*

ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am

The St. A's Quilters work year-round to create some beautiful items that are donated to organizations that provide warmth to those in need. Whether you're a novice or have some sewing/quilting experience, we hope you will join us. All are welcome! Can't make it this time? No problem! Stop in at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (in St. A's quilting room). Please contact Gail Planck for more information.

SUPPORTING MSRV

Our friends at the Multnomah Safe Rest Village (MSRV) always enjoy when volunteers drop off items for **FMSRV Sandwich Mondays**. If you'd like to participate, you'll make a dozen of an item of your choosing and ideally:

- Can be consumed without utensils (e.g., sandwiches, wraps, burritos).
- Has a protein and/or vegetable included.
- Is easy to chew.

Check the Sign Up (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9vq03k>) to see what others have volunteered to bring (if they've noted they're bringing a certain type of sandwich, you could take another volunteer slot and bring something either to complement that item or sign up to bring something that will provide residents with a choice for their meal).

This community also needs folks advocating for their needs as well as shedding light on the need for real solutions to end homelessness.

For more information about these activities or other ways in which you can get involved to help our at-risk, unhoused neighbors, text Robin at 503-703-7183. And please visit the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village website, and join their Facebook group for updates, news, photos, and connections.

SOUTHWEST OUTREACH

Southwest Outreach is an active civic group connecting with our neighbors living outside in SW Portland through visits, conversation, and relationship-building through a variety of programs and services.

Check out the YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tEMx35jzJk>) to see how programs like SW Outreach's weekly shower program at Village Grace Church (where guests get a shower, a hot meal, and a chance to connect with resources and engage in conversation) bless so many in need.

Volunteers are always needed as are material items (e.g., phones, tablets, laptops, and portable WiFi hotspots). of SW Outreach. You can also financially support SW Outreach (of which St. Andrew's is the fiscal sponsor) by donating online — select 'SW Outreach' in the drop-down menu when noting your designation. To get involved, please email Marilyn Palumbo.

If you see (or know of) someone living outside in our area and you are uncertain how or whether to approach, you can always contact Southwest Outreach for a team to visit them. Call Marilyn to coordinate (971.235.5788).

Virtual Gatherings & Events

Sunday, August 9 & 16 10:00am Worship Zoom & Facebook (also in person)	Friday, August 7 & 14 10am-12pm Virtual Coffee Chat Zoom
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Quick Reminders

NEED A RIDE?

If you need assistance getting to or from the church, please call Larry Kelley at 503-724-1966.

SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FREE FOOD MARKET

During Communion (1st Sunday service of each month) and at potlucks and other events throughout the year, we collect non-perishable food donations for Neighborhood House Free Food Market. To further meet the need where it's greatest, we now have a list of most-requested items from our friends at Neighborhood House, which can be found on

Neighborhood House's website or by visiting the following URL:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAG3MYt8HNQ/jFQjFuVvbchnP7fcygGGUQ/view?utm_content=DAG3MYt8HNQ&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=hc242a60f2f

PREPARING FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

St. A's is a busy place throughout the week! At any given time, we have folks here for our own fellowship and ministry groups, support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous, troops representing Scouting America, musical performance group rehearsals, as well as small gatherings on weekends (e.g., recitals, community celebrations, etc.). And we also share our worship spaces with the congregation of New Church of Oregon.

Kara coordinates the schedule for all building users and places all activities, including times and locations, on our church calendar. You can access this at any time to see what's happening here at St. A's. This is particularly helpful when planning setup for your own events (if arrangements have not been made prior with Kara). Simply click on the calendar button next to the first heading on our Events page to access this calendar.

ST. ANDREW'S NAME TAGS

We've created all new name tags for everyone! Stop by the tower by the sanctuary doors in the narthex and grab your new name tag and wear it during worship. (Don't forget to return it there after service so you'll have it next week too!) If you don't see yours, ask one of our welcome team members if we already have an updated one on hand. (Kara updated all of the tags that were previously on the tower, and there is now a "backup" bin full of tags -- what's on the tower are folks in our current directory ... rest assured, we haven't forgotten the many folks who make St. A's such a wonderful, welcoming space and want to have tags available for anyone who may only be able to make a service in-person on occasion.)

As part of our welcome and when passing the peace, name tags help put names with faces - a crucial part of fellowship! If you're new or we missed creating a new name tag for you, please contact the office and we will be happy to make you a name tag for future use.

DISABLED STREET PARKING ACCESS

Please note that the street parking along SW Sunset is reserved for picking up and dropping off those who need extra assistance getting inside for worship on Sundays. We ask that you please leave these spaces open and not park there. There is plentiful parking in our lot across Dosch. Those needing assistance can also use the driveway on Dosch for dropping off and picking up, and take the elevator up to the main level. If you have any questions or need further assistance on Sundays, please contact the office.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you would like to recognize a special occasion or person (e.g., birthdays, anniversaries) or memorialize a loved one by placing flowers on the chancel, please contact Bev Ruggles to confirm a date. (Contact the office for Bev's phone number if you don't have it.)

NATIONAL SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

People experiencing a mental health crisis have a way to reach out for help in the U.S., by calling or texting the numbers 9-8-8. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. It will function much like 9-1-1, but is solely dedicated to addressing mental health needs. See their website for more information on this potentially lifesaving program, and help spread the word.

**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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