

## Pastor Melodie's Message

***"Honor everyone.  
Love the family of believers.  
Fear God."***

**I Peter 2:17**

The months of May and June bring us more than flowers and sunny days. They are months in the life of our church and society that focuses on the precious gift of families – our personal families and our family of faith.

On May 2 we will rejoice in the wonderful gift of children with our "Celebrate the Children" Sunday. On May 16 we recognize the children who will move on from Andrew's Angels Preschool. In mid-June we will recognize our high school and college graduates as they prepare to enter the next phase of their life's journey. What would the church be without the children in our midst? What would St. Andrew Church be without our children – the ones that fill our pews on Sunday and the ones that fill our preschool during the week? We are honored and blessed by this gift.

On Sunday, May 9, our society celebrates Mothers' Day, and on Sunday, June 20, we celebrate Father's Day. Again, it is right for us to pause and consider where we would be without the mothers and fathers who have raised us, as well as the fathers and mothers who have taught and guided our faith within the church.

It is appropriate that we would seek to honor the children and the parents who are such an important part of our lives. Yet, is that enough? Is honoring the folks in our midst enough? Do we honor or fear God if we only focus on **our** children and parents? I do not believe so. After all, as Presbyterians, we believe that a child baptized within our family of faith is the responsibility of the whole church family. Shouldn't we feel the same about those within our community?

Our society, our community, has too many children, men, and women who live lives of despair. There are too many who go hungry and without the things we take for granted. There are too many who live in fear – fear for themselves and fear for **their** families.

As we pause to celebrate and honor the children and mothers and fathers who are in our families, may we also pause to remember those women, men, and children who need the help and

protection and support we can offer. More than that – more than remembering – let us seek ways that we can honor our fathers, mothers and children by reaching out to those in need.

As those who follow the Resurrected Christ, can we be faithful and do anything less?

In Christ's service,

Pastor Melodie

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## **"Celebrate the Children" Sunday**

On **Sunday, May 2**, during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, the children and youth in our congregation, in collaboration with the Andrew's Angels Preschool, will share their talents. The older youth will present a dramatic adaptation of "The Missing Piece and the Big Circle" written by Shel Silverstein. The younger youth will lead the congregation in the Mizpah Benediction.

We are very excited that the Andrew's Angels will also be with us this Sunday to share finger plays. This will be a special Sunday to focus on all our children and their supportive families.

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**The Sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated. Please accept our Lord's invitation to be present.**

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## **Election Day Bake Sale**

St. Andrew's Bake Sale in conjunction with Primary Election Day will be held on **Tuesday, May 4, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** All proceeds from the sale will go into our Emergency Fund, which provides assistance to the needy in our community. **This sale has always been a BIG HIT with the voters.**

Needed: pies, cakes/cup cakes, brownies, candy/fudge, breads, and jams/jellies – no crème filled goodies, please! Label items with your name and St. Andrew Church. Bring baked goods to the church on Sunday morning, May 2, or on Monday evening between 4:30–7:00 p.m. or early Tuesday morning. If you have any questions, please call Jean Haney (289-4938).

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**In our prayers:**

<b>Shut-ins:</b>	
JoAnne Cox	Albany Health Center
Dorothy Metzger	Heritage Commons
Roberta Poland	At home
<b>Other Members:</b>	
Martha Barb	At home
Amanda Bilger	Margaret Bilger's daughter-in-law
Barb Brodt	At home
Bill & Peggy Dutton	Westminster Health Center
Marta Flynn	At home
Anne Harris	At home
Paula McCarty	At home
Ida Oster	Westminster Village
John & Angie Pruis	John at Westminster Village; Angie at home
<b>Friends in need:</b>	
Celia Buck	Dian Constant & Christi Clark's mother
Rosemary Downs	Angie Pruis' sister
Sandy Jarvis	Steve Jarvis' sister-in-law
Penny Keller	Friend of Harlean VanNess
Micki Kendall	Mary Lou Hall's sister
Helen LaDowe	David Pruis' mother-in-law
Alan LaRue	Linda McClure's brother
Norma McCall	Amy McClure's grandma
Trish Miller	Colleague of Van Nelson
Ellen Osborne	Friend of Cassie Bolander
Sylvia Powers	Friend of Martha Haney
Velma Saltzman	Millie McGinnis' sister
Erik Stahr	David & Melodie Wager's nephew
John Wager	David Wager's brother
Marjorie Walker	Aaron Howell's grandma
Lorraine Zakula	Pam Smith's mother
Pat Zakula	Pam Smith's sister
<b>Other concerns:</b>	
Dale Stover	Ross & Harlean VanNess' grandson serving in Afghanistan

**Andrew's Angels  
Preschool News**

It's the final stretch of school, and our days are full. We are finishing assessments, looking forward to Mothers' Teas, and practicing for graduation! The Monday-Wednesday-Friday class is excited about Kindergarten! And...we're excited for them; they've worked hard this year. Good luck to Addie, Juniper, Kennedy, Layla, Madisyn, Rachel, Sarah, Christian, Jacob, Kaden, Keegan, Logan, Trace, and Zach.

We're pleased that the Tuesday-Thursday students will be in the "Big Kid's" class after our summer break!

**Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 16, at 6:00 p.m. You are more than welcome to attend it and the reception that follows.**

Our Baked Potato/Salad Bar Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner was very busy and very successful. Almost \$400.00 was brought in for the fund. There were many happy diners and many hands to help with the work. Special thanks to Pastor Melodie, Cassie Bolander, Michael McClure, Kristin Kramer, Fran Constant, Jim and Heidi Ong, Janet Burkhart, Carolyn Gilbert, Jean Haney, Martha Haney, Stefanie Haney, and Robin Taylor.

We are enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. Information for the preschool can be obtained by calling me at 282-3236 or the Church Office at 282-6466.

-- Sue Jacquette  
Director/Teacher

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**May Friendship Day**

**Living the Vision 2010 May Friendship Day**, sponsored by Church Women United, will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. on **Friday, May 7**, at Union Missionary Baptist Church (Corner of Highland & Macedonia).

The program will start at 10:00 a.m. This year's theme is: *Honoring Young Church Women & Valiant Church Women*. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Cost: \$6.50 – please call ahead for lunch reservations (Ann @ 765-759-7319). Pay upon arrival.

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help make our church facility a clean, safe, and inviting space.

-- The House Committee

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## An Easter Thanks

Michael and Cassie would like to **thank you**, the congregation members and friends of St. Andrew Presbyterian, for helping to create such success during the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. Many donated candy, the Youth Crew donated their time to filling nearly 1,000 eggs, some of you gave monetary donations toward the morning's refreshments and the Christian Education Committee and Jason Sloan were helpful in hiding ALL those eggs.

**Special thanks:** To Michele Robinson for helping Michael and Cassie purchase so many of the "little" things that add up so quickly! To Jim Ong for taking beautiful and memorable pictures of children with the Easter Bunny! To Ashley McClure for enduring the warm costume and becoming the Easter Bunny for many little children who just wanted to sit and chat. To Kitty Johnson for telling the Easter Story with the Resurrection Eggs – a special treat.

This year's hunt consisted of refreshments, making Easter Bunny ears, pictures with the Easter Bunny, a story time with Miss Kitty and the BIG HUNT. We were able to reach 100+ people (adults and children) with this hunt...despite a few sprinkles!

**What a wonderful Easter gift to St. Andrew and to the community. Job well done, St. Andrew!**

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## A BIG Thank You

We extend a BIG thank you to everyone who volunteered their time during our Spring Work Day, March 27. We were able to complete many projects inside and outside the church building.

**It is heart-warming when so many persons willingly share their abilities to**

## Hilltoppers' Study

During the month of May, the Hilltoppers' Sunday School Class will be studying "The Teachings of the Church." **Please join us in the Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. We have study books and room for you.**

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## Friends-in-Faith: God's Tapestry

*'Who we are as a religious people is very much up for grabs,' March writes. If we are to move beyond the current status quo, two things are critical. First, we will need to revisit our foundational document, the Bible, in light of our new context. With open eyes and minds we need to reconsider if and how the Bible can help us as we approach the issues of pluralism and diversity.*

*A second issue is equally critical. We must find the will and the medium by which to educate our people about our new historical context. We may be able to find a new approach to the Bible and to theology, but unless we can communicate the results to our people effectively, not much can change positively.*

The book from which the above selection is taken is called **God's Tapestry: Reading the Bible in a World of Diversity** and written by W. Eugene March. If you've ever wondered how our world fits with the Bible...this study is for you! The book, *God's Tapestry*, is accessible and complete in its explanations. You may just have a better understanding of your beloved Bible and an appreciation of other religions.

Special Note: Ross VanNess has graciously offered to facilitate the study for May 2. Previously this had not been a study date. Thank you, Ross!

Please, join us for this study during the following Sundays: **May 2, 9, 16 & 23.**

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### Vocal Music Assistants

Our Vocal Music Assistants for the St. Andrew Choir are:

- Tosin Bada, alto
- Julie Bailey, soprano
- Travis Bird, tenor
- Erin Frick, soprano
- David Wilson, bass

**Sunday, May 2**, is their last day to sing with the choir before the end of the Ball State University spring semester. David Wilson will be graduating after the summer term; and after three years of seeing David in the choir, we will miss him!! We wish him and all the others well in their pursuits, and we are very pleased that they could be a part of our music worship program here at St. Andrew.

**We are so happy to have had their participation and leadership during the past school year!**

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### Special Music for Summer

Every summer the choir takes a well-deserved break from singing each Sunday. In their place we ask members and friends of St. Andrew to allow us all to enjoy their musical talents. Summer music will begin on **Sunday, June 6, and will continue through Sunday, September 5.**

There's a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex at church with each Sunday listed. Please choose a Sunday, write your name in the space provided, and let Marilyn at the Church Office (282-6466) know what you will be playing that day (no later than the Wednesday before your performance).

**It's that simple! The added bonus is that we all are able to enjoy your special talents. Thank you for volunteering.**

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**HAPPY**

**MOTHER'S**

**DAY –**

**MAY 9, 2010**

**The St. Andrew Handbell Choir will perform during the May 9 Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.**

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### Women's Study Group

Our Women's Study Group will meet on **Thursday, May 13, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the church.** The study is from *Joshua – A Journey of Faith* by Mary Mikheal. Annabelle Kyle will lead the study, Lesson 9, entitled "The Challenge of God's Covenant." If you have any questions, please call Jean Haney (289-4938). **All women welcome.**

**This is the last meeting until next fall.**

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Michael and Cassie, along with the Mission & Congregational Nurture Committee, invite you to the May Senior Luncheon on **Thursday, May 20, at 12:00 noon.** Please, join us for this time of food and fellowship.

This will be a SPECIAL carry-in. Please, bring your favorite casserole. Michael and Cassie will provide beverages, rolls, and a lettuce salad.

May's luncheon will be the last until after the summer. We will resume this time of fellowship in September. For questions and

concerns please contact Michael or Cassie at 282-6466.

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## **Pentecost Offering**

The Pentecost Offering provides a way to directly meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. The benefits can be seen all around us. Congregations are trying new ways to minister with the children at risk in their communities. General Assembly programs are advocating for children and providing leadership development opportunities for our youth and young adults. Congregations keep 40 percent of what they receive for programs designated by their Session. The other 60 percent will support General Assembly ministries that advocate for children. This year's theme is: *"I will sing praises to my God all my life long."* – Psalm 146:2

As we receive the Pentecost Offering on May 23, we lift up children at risk, youth ministry, and young adult volunteers. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the love of their families, and the support of the faith community, they may indeed sing praises to God all their lives long. We join them in joyful songs of praise!

Please use the Pentecost Offering envelopes provided in the pew pockets at church for your donation and make check payable to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

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## **Children's Library News**

May's feature book is "Curious George Plants a Tree" by Margret & H.A. Rey. Please don't forget that we are getting new books every month, so please stop in and check one out and get your "book worm" bookmark.

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## **Recognition of Graduates**

We will be recognizing our high school and college graduates during our **10:00 a.m.** Worship Service on **Sunday, June 13**. A reception with light refreshments will follow the service in Fellowship Hall.

If you know of a church member or church friend who will be graduating from high school or college, please call Marilyn at the Church Office (282-6466) as soon as possible, so that we may recognize his/her accomplishments with a "special" gift.

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### **May Birthdays**

2	-	Sara Jarvis
3	-	Michelle Bow
5	-	Norma McKnight
	-	Dorothy Metzger
6	-	Keanna Churchill
10	-	Millie McGinnis
11	-	Dorothy Johnson
13	-	Amy McClure
26	-	Gordon Johnson

### **June Birthdays**

5	-	Jack Ihle
7	-	Dian Constant
11	-	Glenn Daugherty
	-	Faith Williams
21	-	Dorothy Kelly
	-	Tressie Paschal
28	-	You-Yuh (Jim) Kuo
30	-	Kanda Kramer

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## **Thank You**

I wish to send a "huge" thank you to everyone for their thoughts and prayers, phone calls, and cards after my recent surgery. "Special" thanks to the following persons who brought food: Millie McGinnis, Annabelle Kyle, Carolyn Gilbert, Jean Haney, Ming-Ming Kuo, Dorothy Johnson, and Mary Jane Upchurch.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity was appreciated very much.

-- Marta Flynn

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**“Baobab Blast” -  
VBS 2010**

Miss Cassie and Mr. Michael, as well as an entire team of volunteers, invite you to experience the fun at this year’s Vacation Bible School. Enter with an open mind, heart, and eyes, and explore and experience God’s Word. Each evening we will meet a new friend and enjoy fun activities.

**Join us on Sunday evening, June 20, from 6:00-8:30 and each evening through Thursday, June 24, for fun activities, fellowship, and good food. And don’t forget to join us on Sunday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. for the final program during the Worship Service.**

From East to West, people are coming to be part of God’s Great Get-Together. Come and be a part of a welcoming and engaging, happening community during a week of Vacation Bible School. Hope to see you there!!!

**Note:** Please check the table in the narthex at church for pre-enrollment cards.

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**“Baobab Blast” –  
VBS Wish List**

It is once again time for St. Andrew’s Vacation Bible School; and as in years’ past, we are asking the congregation to help in donating items to be used throughout the week. This year’s wish list includes:

Recyclable Items –

- Paper Egg Cartons
- Newspaper
- Small size water bottles
- Empty cottage cheese, sour cream or butter containers

(Continued in next column.)

Purchased Donations –

- Acrylic Paints (all colors)
- Craft Glue
- White and yellow tissue paper
- Brown paper lunch sacks
- Sheets of craft foam (all colors)
- Colored Sand (all colors)
- Glitter (any colors)
- Packages of construction paper (multicolored)
- Elastic floss
- Assorted beads (any size any color)
- Ziploc baggies
- Band Aids
- Bags of hard candy (peppermint, butterscotch etc.)
- Cotton Balls
- Assorted ribbon
- Crayola Markers
- Decorative pebbles or gems (36 per child)
- Clear Plastic Cups
- Large bag of potting soil

Any of these Items that can be donated would be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please have all items in Michael and Cassie’s office by Sunday, June 6.

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*HAPPY*

*FATHER’S*

*DAY*

# JUNE 20, 2010

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## Attendance

<u>April 1 (Maundy Thursday):</u>	90
<u>April 4 (Easter Sunday):</u>	112
<u>April 11:</u>	65
<u>April 18:</u>	68
<u>April 25:</u>	78

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## Earth Day Tips

In celebration of Earth Day here are 20 tips for "Living Green":

1. Use both sides of your paper.
2. Make your own playthings out of cardboard boxes and paper towel rolls.
3. Talk to your teacher about recycling.
4. Donate your gently used books to a library.
5. Donate your gently used clothing to a charity.
6. At mealtimes, don't take more food than you can finish.
7. Turn off lights, air conditioning, and heat when not in use.
8. Look for the recycling symbol on packages when you shop.
9. Fill the bathtub up only halfway
10. Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth.
11. Ask your parents to buy rechargeable batteries.
12. Use old kitchen containers and utensils as sand and water toys.
13. Volunteer to help clean up your local park.
14. Open the curtains during the day to let the sun warm your house. Close them at night to keep the heat in.

15. Take care of your houseplants; they help purify the air.
  16. Make your own birthday and holiday cards.
  17. Use newspaper comics to wrap gifts.
  18. If you live near your school, walk or bike instead of driving.
  19. Take your own bags to the grocery store.
  20. Help plant a tree and watch it grow.
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## Greeters

<u>May 2:</u>	Kim & Scott Knight
<u>May 9:</u>	Jean Haney
<u>May 16:</u>	Michelle & Ken Robinson; and Kevin
<u>May 23:</u>	Amy & Michael McClure
<u>May 30:</u>	Dorothy Kelly

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## WORD SEARCH

## BIBLICAL PLANTS