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Mission Statement

As a community of faith which celebrates diversity,
St. Andrew welcomes all people who seek to understand
and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to:

- † proclaim the Good News
- † strengthen the spiritual life of our faith community
- † minister to the needs of our local community and the world
- † seek a more just society

Worship with us at 10:30 am
Child care provided

The voice

NOVEMBER 2008

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving, a national holiday closely tied to family, feasting and football. The day is supported in large measure by traditions of the Christian faith, but is taking a “drubbing” this year!

The economic downturn has affected most people in some way, caused some major change of plans and has even brought depression and despair; how to celebrate Thanksgiving in this year has become a challenge.

Our Christian faith does not exempt us from the realities of this challenge; however, our Christian faith does challenge the assumption of wealth and abundance as the justification for giving thanks.

The Christian faith and community is a support to us during these times, and may cause us to re-evaluate our sense of thankfulness as valid only in the “good years.”

So enjoy the holiday, reflect upon the attitude of thankfulness and discover through the doorway of faith the road to a thankful heart in every circumstance.

Bruce

From the Pastor's Desk

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 26, 7:30PM

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

An important worship service of tradition, worship and outreach marks the ecumenical thanksgiving eve service in Homewood.

Once again the H-F Choir will sing, liturgy in both English and Hebrew, and an offering to support Respond Now continues this long-standing tradition of the Thanksgiving holiday in this area.

Pack up your guests, children, even neighbor and join in this inspiring and important expression of our shared faith, and common concern as we worship together.

District United Methodist Men Musical

Southern District United Methodist Men will be celebrating its 20th Methodist Men Musical on Sunday, November 23, 2008 starting at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at Morgan Park United Methodist Church, 11030 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago. Come out and enjoy the men's choirs and choruses from churches throughout Southern District.

"SAVING JESUS" Adult Study on Wednesdays

An interesting progressive study of the several aspects of the life and meaning of Jesus takes place each Wednesday in the narthex at 7:00 p.m. (one exception Nov 26-Thanksgiving Eve the study will **NOT** be held).

Contemporary theologians, educators, and scholars are presented on DVD, then the discussion and searching by the participants brings the lesson to an individual level.

Drop in and ponder current discoveries, and how such scholarship affects our understanding of Jesus.

Super Successful Halloween Party!!

Forty children, and twenty adults had a great time at the Halloween Party sponsored by the Committee of Witness and the Leap of Faith Players.

Fun, food and a warm welcome provided a great opportunity of introducing our neighbors to be the St. Andrew Church.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees have been busy during the summer and this fall with the ongoing maintenance of the church building and parsonage.

This past August, a new air conditioning unit was installed at the parsonage.

All banners that were stored upstairs are now hanging in the chapel. They brighten the walls and we now have easier access for hanging them in the sanctuary.

Last but not least, in September the mortgage loan on our parsonage was repaid. HOORAY!!!

From the Finance Committee

Sunday, October 26, marked the onset of our Stewardship/Pledge campaign. Ric Smies, church financial secretary, reported 40 members or families returned a completed commitment card for their 2009 pledge of support for St. Andrew UMC. We expect more cards will be returned by members who could not attend the worship service that day. We are pleased that you have responded to our appeal and are very grateful for your support.

Preparation of the 2009 church budget is underway. Committee chairs and team leaders have prepared or are preparing their portion of the budget. The process will be completed in time to present to the Church Council at its next meeting on November 24.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 4—Michael West	November 5—Don Pigg
November 6—Alex Houghton	November 8—Jane Hindsley
November 9—Ashley Groves	November 9—Rony Groves
November 10—Bill Baum	November 17—Tammie Scott
November 17—Alana Groves	November 19—Anne Colton
November 20—Grace Hoskins	November 23—David Ritacco
November 24—Connie Miller	November 24—Jessie Cunningham
November 25—Ann Smies	November 28—Stella Ogbonna
November 29—Leo Anderson	November 29—Andy Houston

Mark Your Calendars **THIS IS A MADRIGAL YEAR!**

This year's all new madrigal script was created by Susan Poole. Mary Lee Hoganson will be directing the drama. When will it be, you ask?

Friday, Saturday evenings and a Sunday matinee
December 5, 6 & 7

Tickets go on sale on November 1, so order your tickets while they are still available! The event features a 4 course catered dinner, our own Chancel Choir in Renaissance costumes singing holiday music, recorders, dancers, and handbells, all woven through with a humorous yet poignant drama. Invite your friends and enjoy a wonderful start to your holiday season. This is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas Spirit!

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

Mon., Nov. 3	Outreach Planning Team meeting, 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 4	Election Day Madrigal rehearsal, (cast), 7-9:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 5	Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 8	Madrigal rehearsal, (all), 9:30 a.m.-noon
Sun., Nov. 9	Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday
Tues., Nov. 11	Veterans Day UMW-Potluck Supper, 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 12	Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 13	Finance Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 17	Munch & Learn, 6:30 p.m. VOICE DEADLINE
Tues., Nov. 18	Deborah Circle, 7:30 p.m. Madrigal rehearsal, (cast), 7-9:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 19	Rebecca Circle, 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 20	Mary-Martha Circle, 1:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 22	Madrigal rehearsal, (all), 9:30 a.m.-noon
Sun., Nov. 23	Bible Sunday
Mon., Nov. 24	Church Council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 25	Madrigal rehearsal, (all), 7:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 26	NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY
Thurs., Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Day
Sun., Nov. 30	1st Sunday of Advent United Methodist Student Day (offering)

Potluck Supper

The United Methodist Women will meet for their Thanksgiving Potluck Supper on Tuesday, November 11 a 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. After the potluck, a brief meeting will be followed by our devotions by Lorena Campbell who will dedicate our World Thank Offerings. Regina Bridges will lead the dedication of officers.

We will also throw in a little fun with a Thanksgiving game, and close with a Thanksgiving prayer.

The Mission Team are the hostesses, and will provide rolls and beverages. All women of the church are invited, and are asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck. That will make it quite a feast. Also, please bring a donation for the World Thank Offering which goes to support missions of the United Methodist Women.

A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex to let us know the number of people to prepare for.

Coming Monday, November 17 **Outreach Planning Team** ***Munch and Learn***

Come at 6:30 for a special soup supper. Activities begin at 7 pm which include putting health kits together, creating warm scarves just by cutting fleece, and watching a short mission video. More details coming soon.

Coming In December.

New Toy Collection and money for Respond Now (now is the time to find toys on sale - for all ages - but toys requiring batteries are not encouraged due to replacement expense.)

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2

Prelude: Canticle of Praise Senior Handbells
Anthem: Come, Come Ye Saints Chancel Choir

NOVEMBER 9

Prelude: Ode to Joy Junior Handbells
Anthem: Keep Your Lamps! Chancel Choir

NOVEMBER 16

Anthem: Carol to Beauty Chancel Choir

NOVEMBER 23

Prelude: Thanksgiving Celebration--Celebration Ringers
Anthem: Children's Choir
Anthem: Now Thank We All Our God Chancel Choir

NOVEMBER 30

Anthem: Carols for Advent Chancel Choir

HOLY HUMOR

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing on old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. 'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk. 'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“True happiness is to enjoy the present, without anxious dependence upon the future, not to amuse ourselves with either hopes or fears but to rest satisfied with what we have, which is sufficient, for he that is so wants nothing. The great blessings of mankind are within us and within our reach. A wise man is content with his lot, whatever it may be, without wishing for what he has not.”

Lucius Annaeus Seneca
(4BC-65) Roman philosopher
and playwright.