

# What's Happening at St. Andrew

## Monday, May 4, 2026



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**Phone Directories:** Directories are ready to be handed out. If you have any corrections to the phone directory, please come by the office with your directory, and we can make the corrections, print it, and return it to you while you wait.

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**Reserve your Wednesday Night Live Dinner at 6 p.m. by clicking here.. The menu features Chicken Spaghetti, a side, salad, dessert, and a beverage.** The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. Please RSVP by 11:30 p.m. on Monday via the link above, on our website, or at the worship service on Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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The thought has probably occurred to everyone at some time or other: “What does God want from me?” That thought often occurs to me. The population of the world today is about 8.3 billion people and growing by tens of millions each year. What, in heaven’s name, do I as an individual have to offer that would make a difference in this mass of humanity? What can I do that several million other people can’t do better? And yet, those 8.3 billion people never seem to be around when you need them, so you just have to do a lot of things yourself. Jesus said the most important thing of all is to love God and love your neighbor. That is something that can’t be subcontracted out anyway; it’s a DIY job. St. Francis and Confucius are two people you probably don’t often put together but maybe they have some ideas in common.

Confucius said: “I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.” That is a great statement to ponder. Can we love without understanding? We are not likely to change ourselves or change anyone else by our opinions. But our love expressed in loving actions will change us and may change our little part of the world as well.

The prayer of St. Francis is one of the best known of all prayers. Like Confucius, St. Francis emphasized doing rather than just hearing and seeing.

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is

sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.”

Loving God isn't just about words or beliefs, it shows up in how you treat other people.

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One Love food bags will be filled again on May 13. As of Sunday, items still needed included: Beef Jerky; protein/cereal bars; cheese/PB crackers; peanuts; tuna pouches; Vienna sausage; 1 gal. zip lock bags; bottled water.

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CUMC and St. Andrew will have a double booth at Pride East Texas to be held at Maud Cobb on July 11. Volunteers are needed and there should be sign-up sheets in the narthex or coffee area.

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Judy has not just been out of town for the past two weeks but she has been on another of “Judy’s Excellent Adventures” in Europe sending back pictures of tulips and windmills and beautiful architecture from Holland. Hopefully she will be back and sufficiently recovered so we can have a proper newsletter by next week. Hope to see you all this Sunday!

Blessings, Ed

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### **Sunday Morning Studies and Snacks**

We have two wonderful studies going on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Spiritual Growth class is using the book *Life of the Beloved* by Henri J. M. Nouwen. The study just began and is on Chapter One. You can order the book from your favorite source and join in. The other class is the Women's Bible Study, and they have just ordered *The Call* by Adam Hamilton. Another wonderful study that uses a DVD guide will help guide the lessons. Please reach out to Charlotte Ezelle if you would like to learn more.

Coffee and snacks are provided by members during the study hour. Please contact Judy Haley (903-445-3798, [jhaley726@gmail.com](mailto:jhaley726@gmail.com)) or Lee Ellen Blanton (903-235-3348, [gypsy1956@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gypsy1956@sbcglobal.net)) if you would like to help.

**Sunday Morning Snacks** — May snack dates are open for sign-ups. Please let Lee Ellen (903-235-3348) know if you can fill the last date.

- May 10— Linda Keebaugh
- May 17— John and Jenna Hargrave
- May 24— Steve and Kathy Crane
- May 31— 5th Sunday Pot Luck!!

### **Coming up!**

**Presbyterian Children’s Homes & Services** has invited us to a luncheon event benefiting the children and families of PCHAS. The luncheon will be at First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore on Thursday, April 30, at noon. We have a table for eight and will carpool from the church at 11:30. Reverend Diane Pennington, Senior Development Officer, PCHAS, will present the event.

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## **One Love World!**

I don't have the chart for today, but as you are able, please plan on shopping for the items listed below:

2-fruit snacks; 1-tuna pouch. The underlined items are running short. Bags will be filled again on May 13.

Thank you to all who continue to provide some nutrition for our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

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## **Texas Shakespeare Festival Event.**

Please join your church buddies and purchase tickets to the Shakespeare play

“1776” for the 2 PM matinee on Sunday, July 19.

After the play, we will all get together at a local restaurant for dinner.

Guild member tickets go on sale online on May 1.

The public may buy tickets online starting May 8, and tickets may be purchased at the ticket office and by phone starting May 26th.

Website is [www.texasshakespeare.com](http://www.texasshakespeare.com) or call 903-983-8601. Ticket office hours are 2 PM to 5:30 PM Tuesday to Saturday.

This is a popular play, especially given our nation’s 250th anniversary. Please purchase your tickets early before they sell out.

If you do purchase tickets for “1776,” there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we will know how many to expect for dinner. Dinner location to be announced at a later date.

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Join the ladies' **Stitchers group** every **Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** in the Dawn Lo classroom! Organized by Kathy Loy, this welcoming group invites members and friends. Beginners and experts, left- and right-handed crocheters alike, are all welcome.

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**Feeding Our Firefighters** theme this month is delightful desserts! Delivery dates are Mon. 5/18, Wed. 5/20, and Fri. 5/22 with 7 hungry firefighters in each crew. Please contact Rose Briggs (903-238-6463 [rosebriggs07@gmail.com](mailto:rosebriggs07@gmail.com) ) or Katy Manck (903-918-1154 [katyroo@gmail.com](mailto:katyroo@gmail.com)) to sign up or ask questions.

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**The Monthly Unity Committe Meeting** will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. in Room 104, Don Lowe Classroom.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous** meets at the church from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For further information, please call (903)235-7890.

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## PRIDE

The Pride event in Longview takes place on July 11 from 3 - 8 pm. CUMC and St. Andrew volunteers will have a double booth. Sign up to volunteer through the church office. To order a matching t-shirt, please contact the church office or use the link below.



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[www.standrewpres.org](http://www.standrewpres.org)

The **e-news and calendar** are now attached to our web page.

There is also access to a current directory if you are a member.

If you have forgotten your sign-in, contact the church office.

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