

Dear Friends,

July is here and Summer has arrived! I am so excited to be appointed to serve our two churches for another year! We had an amazing annual conference in Wichita Falls where Bishop Saenz challenged us to "love *boldly*," encouraging us and asking the question, "Is that all you've got?" Galatians 6:9 tells us, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Our churches have been through quite a bit in the "20's." We courageously faced the trauma of the Covid19 pandemic. Then we had changes of pastors for both churches. Soon after, we walked through the painful season of disaffiliations that occurred in our denominational split. Now we find ourselves in a time of disheartening and ruthless political and ideological polarity that has been brewing for decades. That is to say, there is great division in our country. These have been hard times for our churches but keep faith – hope is on the horizon. Don't give up!

This month, on the Fourth of July, we celebrate 250 years of independence and democracy as the United States of America. Please join us as the Men's Group hosts a special celebration open to everyone in both churches. We will have hot dogs, ice cream, music, and games! This will be on Thursday, July 2nd, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's UMC (206 W. Fowler Ave., Killeen). Let's use this as a time to celebrate the blessings and freedom we know and love in our country. Let's also celebrate all that God is doing in our two churches as we gather together.

Between now and October, I will be leading us in developing a "Discipleship Pathway" for both churches. Would you be willing to serve on a group that will meet about three times over the next few months? We will be prayerfully looking forward and developing a clear path for people who walk through our doors and would like to get more involved in our churches and grow in their faith. Please let me know! I would like a mix of people – including those who have been at the churches for a while and those who are new.

This is our season to "rebuild" our churches, friends – to pull together more than ever before. We *need* that life giving fellowship that sustains us and helps us to grow in our faith. We *need* a renewed sense of mission, vision, and focus as we build the community we have always longed for. Be on the lookout in the newsletters and keep your ears open for exciting new opportunities offered at both churches for us to connect at a deeper level and engage with our community. God is so good. We are making progress. Please, friends, keep up the good work as we build a solid foundation where we can grow, with God's help. As Galatians 6:9 tells us, don't become weary in doing good! Now is the time for us to pull together and enjoy the blessings that will come. I look forward to this next year together!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Terry



The youth group will meet July 26th, Sunday, from 4 to 5:30 pm at St. Andrews, Fowler Hall.



What is that Celebration jar all about? You may wonder what that little jar that goes around during the church service every Sunday is really for. Well, if you have a celebration in your life, or a concern or if you want to share where you saw God working in your life that week, you can share with your church family.

If you wish, you can place a dollar in the celebration jar, but it's not necessary. However, the donations in this jar are sent to our Conference office quarterly for a mission called "Church Growth and development". Every dollar goes directly to planting new United Methodist churches in Central Texas. These donations help pay salaries for new church pastors, renting worship spaces, purchase of sound equipment and other technology to get a new church started. So, now you know what exactly happens to that money in that little jar you see floating around on Sunday mornings! Thank you for sharing your celebrations and concerns with us and for "Church Growth"!



Sundays: Sunday School class 9:30 am. Church service 11 am.

Tuesdays— Bible Study 10 am followed by Domino group at 12:30 pm, Fowler Hall

Men's Fellowship hosting hotdog cookout, Thursday, July 2nd, at 6 pm, at St. Andrews

Parkinson Group will meet Friday, July 3rd at 2:30 pm

Dinner Group, Hallmark Restaurant, July 16th, 4:30 pm all welcome

Parkinson Group will meet Friday July 17th in Fowler Hall starts 2:30 pm



Rainbow Emmaus will meet July 9th, at St. Andrews with potluck starting at 6:30 pm, business and worship to follow. Remember to bring your worship book, cross and name tag.



The Men's fellowship group will be hosting a Hotdog cookout and games in celebration of America's 250th Birthday. Come join us on Thursday, July 2nd, 6 pm till 7:30 pm. Everyone Welcome!

To All Ladies at St. Andrews and Nolanville FUMC—

Happy Birthday!

A new monthly Women's fellowship group will hold their

Sherry Mathews 6

first meeting on Wednesday, August 12th at the Nolanville

Luca Johnson 14

Church from 6 to 7 pm. Meetings will rotate between churches.



You can watch the service live on Facebook starting at 11 am. Log in as follows: St Andrew's United Methodist Church, Killeen, TX Facebook.



The communion offering for July is "Peace with Justice". This special offering benefits peace with justice ministries in the annual conference and through the General Board of Church and Society. If you wish to donate to this mission, place donation in the pew envelope and mark communion. If you donate by check, please make payable to St. Andrew's UMC and make a note on the check for communion. Thank you.



We are glad to have Dwayne and Jennifer DeWeerd join our church family. They became members on June 7, 2026 through baptism and Profession of Faith.

GriefShare meetings will start Wednesday, August 12th and end November 4th, from 1 to 3 pm at St. Andrews in Cohee Hall. If you are interested in starting this grief series, please make contact with Trudy Horridge at Sunday church service to sign up or contact the office if you need her contact information.

