



THE MINI-MESSENGER

Sharing the Weekly Message of Christ in Our Lives
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New Ministry for Moms



A new ministry for mothers of young children is starting this fall, and there are plenty of opportunities for involvement by many people.

The new group is called **TRUE Moms**, which stands for **Time To Refresh, Uplift and Empower Moms**. It's for moms with young children who want to connect with new friends, enjoy inspiring conversation, discuss relevant topics — and take a break from the daily routine. Our gatherings feature guest speakers, plus service projects, discussions and time for reflection. Childcare is provided. TRUE Moms welcomes all mothers of all faith backgrounds. Please look for additional details in the upcoming June *Messenger*, on our website, or contact Heather Woodin (hwoodin@saintandrew-ic.org; 319/338.7523).

Safe Families Training



Safe Families for Children

On June 10, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, there will be another training session for Safe Families at Parkview Church. If you have any questions or would like additional details, please contact Jan Taylor (563/580.2682).

Office Closed Memorial Day

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open Tuesday morning at 9:00 am.

Upcoming Music Ministry Events

A Special Singing Invitation

All singers are invited to join the choir of First Presbyterian Church for the opening hymn festival of the **American Guild of Organists Regional Convention** here in Iowa City. Hymn leader/musician extraordinaire is Aaron David Miller - an amazing organist and improvisator.

Hymn Festival Date:

Monday, June 19 - 7:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Rehearsals:

Sunday, June 18 - 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City
Monday, June 19 - 6:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Iowa City

Aaron, in addition to being a fabulous musician, is a down-to-earth, personable guy who is fun to work with. You can read more about him here: <https://www.aarondavidmiller.com>. Please contact Matthew Penning if you are interested (mpenning@saintandrew-ic.org).



**ST. ANDREW
MUSIC MINISTRY**

Music Ministry End-of-the-Year Picnic

Picnic Date:

Thursday, June 15 - 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at North Campus

All music ministry participants and their families are invited to an evening of food and games to celebrate the end of another music season. Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Grilled hamburgers, bratwurst, and hotdogs will be provided along with beverages and eating utensils. Please RSVP no later than Tuesday, June 13, to Matthew Penning mpenning@saintandrew-ic.org.



Extraordinary Organists Coming to Town!



The local River Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) is hosting the **North Central AGO Regional Convention June 19-22** in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. Over 150 organists from the region will be attending a series of workshops and concerts focusing on the organ. The community is invited to several events during that time ranging from concerts to morning prayer services. A complete listing of events open to the public may be found at the church, or by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/kg93vpn>. Questions? Contact Matthew Penning mpenning@saintandrew-ic.org.

Soli Deo Gloria! Glory to God Alone!

To be the body of Christ, living in Christ's love, and serving as Christ served.

MobilePack 2017



The Iowa City MobilePack is back for the fifth year in a row! It will happen on **Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10**. If you have not already heard, the location has changed and we will be packing meals in the cafeteria of Iowa City High School, which offers the tremendous blessing of air conditioning. Volunteer registration is now open so please visit www.icmobilepack.org to reserve your volunteer shift! For more information, please contact Jan Waterhouse at jan.waterhouse@hotmail.com.



All high schoolers, including incoming freshman, are invited to Randy's house for Lazy Sunday on June 11 at 6:30 pm. For more information, contact Randy Hausler at rhausler@saintandrew-ic.org.

Vacation Bible School Registration

Please return your registration forms for the upcoming Vacation Bible School, which will run from 9:00 to 11:30 am, June 12-16. The registration fee is \$10 by May 31 or \$25 after May 31.

Milestones Project



We recently launched our **Milestones** project. The stones commemorate significant events in our faith journey, including baptism and receiving communion for the first time. Stones will be given for free to young people and adults who reach a faith milestone. Stones from past accomplishments, and bowls to hold them, may be ordered for purchase. To order, stop by the Milestones table outside the sanctuary on Sunday.

Pentecost Offering

We will be receiving the **Pentecost Offering**, one of four denominational special offerings in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Sunday, June 4. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the [Presbyterian Mission Agency](#).



Your Shopping Can Help St. Andrew

Do you enjoy shopping on **Amazon**? Please consider going to smile.amazon.com for all of your future orders. This site functions effectively just the same as the 'regular' Amazon site except that **.5% of each purchase** will go to the not-for-profit of your choice. As just one example, if you purchase \$100 in gifts or office supplies, \$.50 comes back to your selected nonprofit. If you select St. Andrew while on the site you should see a confirmation like this:

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Come Cheer On St. Andrew's Softball Team



St. Andrew's Softball team is at it again this year, the team would appreciate support and cheers as they play. Why not plan on going to one or more of the games? Please let Pastor Kyle (kotterbein@saintandrew-ic.org) know if you would like to have even more fun and play with the team!

All games are being played at the Coralville Creekside Ballpark. Here's the schedule:
Friday, June 2 - Double-Header: 7:00 & 9:00 pm
Friday, June 9 - Double-Header: 7:00 & 8:00 pm
Friday June 16 - Double-Header: 6:00 & 8:00 pm
Friday June 23 - 8:00 pm
Friday June 30 - 6:00 pm
Friday July 7 & 14: End of Season Tournament

Call to Become an Impact Person!



The Hospitality, Welcome, and Connection Team invites you to a **special time of one-on-one orientation and training** in the divine arts(!) of greeting and welcoming people on Sunday mornings. We will be training interested and curious individuals on the Sunday mornings (8:30 am or 11:00 am worship service) of **June 18 and July 16**. If you are interested, just send a note to Pastor Kyle at kotterbein@saintandrew-ic.org!