

**MP Kids****"Where Kids Change the World"****Attention Agents: March Mission**

We will meet Saturday, March 6 from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. at First Church Carrollton, 2201 E. Hebron Parkway, Carrollton, TX 75010. Our mission: to help feed starving children in Haiti through the organization *Feed My Starving Children*. If you are interested in attending or learning more about MPKids, please email Ashley Lunn at [alunn@standrewumc.org](mailto:alunn@standrewumc.org). Space is limited.

**Rice Bowls™ are Here!****March 7**

For the next two months children's ministries will be collecting change for Rice Bowls™, a nonprofit organization whose mission is "to provide food for the body and spirit of orphans in the name of Christ." The plan is simple: on Sunday, March 7 every child will receive a rice bowl to fill with change. They will have two months to fill their bowls and on April 25 Children's Ministry will take up all the bowls and send the money to Rice Bowls™ headquarters. You do not have to wait until April to return your bowl; you can return it at any time as soon as it is full.

Rice Bowls™ is more than just coin collection or fundraising. It is an opportunity to connect your community with the global hunger crisis. You can find information about world hunger and other helpful materials from their web site at [www.ricebowls.org](http://www.ricebowls.org).

**Palm Sunday****March 27 & 28**

During the Saturday Night and Early Service on Sunday, children will sit with parents and be released for procession. During the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday morning, Elementary children will meet in their regular classroom at 9:15 or 10:45 a.m. to line up for the procession. If you arrive late, please bring your child to the Parlor.

**Easter Egg Hunt****Saturday, April 3, 10-12:30 p.m.****Register Now: [www.standrewumc.org](http://www.standrewumc.org)**

Join us for the annual St. Andrew UMC Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Mom-to-Mom. There will be pony rides, bounce houses and many more fun activities for the whole family. Food will be available for purchase from the 2010 Confirmation Class. Cost is \$5 per child with a \$15 max per family. The event is open to the entire community. Rain or shine, don't miss it!

**Easter Sunday****April 4**

Sunday School will not be offered on Easter Sunday. Gary's Angels will be offered only at 11:00 a.m. Nursery will be available at all services for ages 2 and under.

**Vacation Bible School****June 21-25**

Join us for an expedition on the High Seas.

More information coming soon! If you would like to be a part of the VBS team, please contact Shiela Etchieson, 214-291-8042 or [setchieson@standrewumc.org](mailto:setchieson@standrewumc.org).

**Volunteers Needed**

*"May the Lord make your love for each other and for everyone else grow by leaps and bounds. That's how our love for you has grown."*  
1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

As part of our mission to reach and to serve for Christ and in support of the Children's Ministry at St. Andrew, we are requesting that you let us assist you in finding a place where you can use your God-given gifts to invest in the lives of children. You will have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of children that will last for all eternity! As an added bonus, you will find many days that you will learn just as much from the kids as they do from you. God speaks amazingly through the little children. It could be that God is whispering to you right now.

The qualifications necessary are having a heart to love God and a desire to work with children. We will train and equip you with all of the resources and materials that you'll need. Be a part of our family today and join the amazing team of Children's Ministry volunteers. There are many ways to serve, whether you are in the classroom, behind the scenes, or greeting families. God wants to use you to make a difference. Take a closer look at all of the volunteer options we have available and find the one that is right for you. Take a moment to let us hear from you. We look forward to the opportunity to grow in Christ with you.

**Preparation** ~ Is your spiritual gift assistance/helper? Then children's ministry has a place for you. Preparation volunteers help prepare and set up supplies for Sunday school each week. Some prep-work, a weekday commitment and a heart for assisting is all that is required.

**Greeter** ~ The job will be to direct visitors or assist with computer check-in and general greeting for Sunday morning.

**Save the Date!****Camp Andy 2010****Son Treasure Island: July 12-16****Galactic Blast: August 9-13****New This Summer!****St. Andy's Summer Fun Days**

Fun-filled days packed with activities, games, snacks, and more! Time is 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child, \$5 for each additional child. More details are coming soon. For more information, contact Shiela Etchieson at [setchieson@standrewumc.org](mailto:setchieson@standrewumc.org) or 214-291-8042.

**Nursery, Preschool or Elementary Area ~**

Arrive by 9:15 a.m. and stay until approximately 9:35 a.m. After this time, you are free to attend church or your own Sunday school class.

**Teacher/Shepherd** ~ You shepherd children to build relationships in the classroom and encourage them in their faith journey to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ. A lesson will be emailed to you each week so you can prepare for the weekend. Materials provided.

**Substitute** ~ Available to teach on Sunday mornings when the scheduled teacher/shepherd cannot serve.

**Floater** ~ Fill in wherever needed on Sunday mornings; flexible position depending on where help is needed that morning.

**Gary's Angels Buddy** ~ Serves children with special needs as a one-on-one helper in the regular Sunday School classroom during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. Volunteers are assigned to one child and are asked to participate at least once a month. No previous training is necessary, just a loving heart as each volunteer is trained with the child they serve.

**Nursery** ~ Take a moment to imagine the sounds of a lullaby or "The B-I-B-L-E that's the book for me" or "Jesus Loves Me this I know". Does it bring back memories or make you stop and think about Jesus? Add to that an environment that is full of love for God's little ones. That is what a nursery should be. The children are all precious to God, and we want to present that environment for each child. We provide nursery care for children during worship without a reservation. Wouldn't you love to be an integral part of that? If you don't have children in the nursery but would love to get your "baby fix," that is great, too.

Please contact Shiela Etchieson, 214-291-8042 or [setchieson@standrewumc.org](mailto:setchieson@standrewumc.org) to sign up today! Thank you for your support of the Children's Ministry.

## AUTHOR SERIES

**Danielle Trussoni ~ Angelology****Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., Festival Hall**

*Angelology* is the highly anticipated debut novel from Trussoni, author of the memoir *Falling Through the Earth*, named one of the Ten Best Books of the Year in 2006 by the New York Times Book Review. Sony recently won a fierce bidding war for the film adaptation of *Angelology*. Danielle is a graduate of the Iowa Writer's Workshop and splits her time between the United States and France.

**Mitt Romney ~ No Apology****Thursday, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**

In *No Apology: The Case for American Greatness*, Romney calls for a new commitment to citizenship with the aim to move America back to political and economic strength. Romney is an American businessman and the former Governor of Massachusetts. He was a candidate for the Republican nomination in the 2008 United States presidential election.

## PATH TO MEMBERSHIP

**Joining Day ~ Lunch with the Pastor****March 28, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Wesley Hall**

Join us for lunch with our Sr. Pastor Robert Hasley and learn about our membership path, review expectations regarding membership, and hear Robert's calling to the ministry. You will have an opportunity to join St. Andrew at the end of lunch. Contact Kate 214-291-8021 to RSVP.



ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## EASTER

*On Easter we celebrate God's gifts of eternal life, love, and hope that are offered through belief in Christ. We are Easter People. Why? BECAUSE CHRIST HAS RISEN.*

**Palm Sunday Weekend****March 27 & 28**

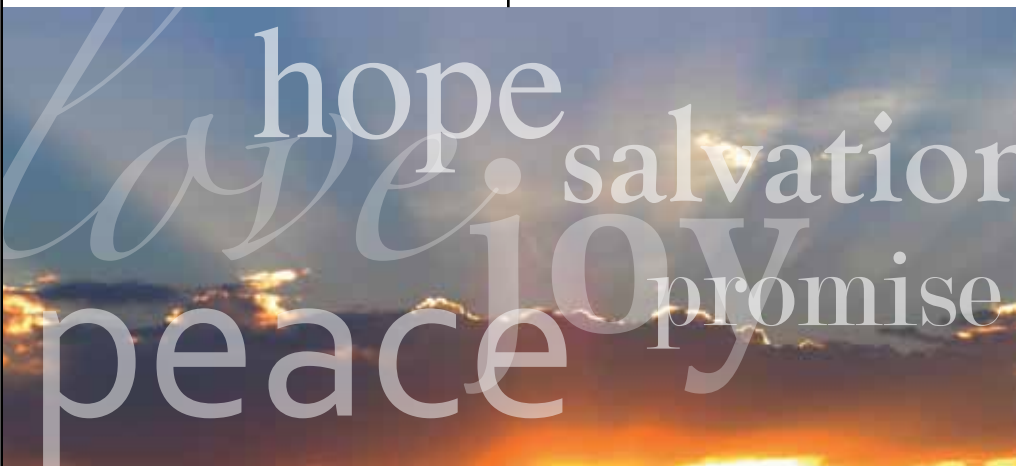
Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to participate in the Palm Procession, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**Maundy Thursday****April 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

An intimate communion experience at tables of twelve.

**Good Friday****April 2 at 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

A service of dramatic readings, powerful music, and darkness.



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**CARING MINISTRIES**



▶ **ChronicHope ~ Cancer Support Ministry**  
**March 2, 7:00 p.m., Room 126**  
**Holly Scott**  
**Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern,**  
**St. Andrew Counseling Center**  
**“Facing Forward: Life After Cancer**  
**Treatments”**

The end of cancer treatment is often a time to rejoice. You feel relieved to be finished with the demands of treatment and are ready to put the experience behind you. You may, however, also become fearful and anxious about a recurrence. You and your family want life to return to normal immediately following treatments, but that rarely happens. One of the hardest things after treatment is not knowing what will happen next. Holly will lead a discussion of the physical and emotional challenges faced by many survivors and caregivers in the survival stage of cancer.

We will also preview some new initiatives for the Cancer Support Ministry. Join us to hear about these exciting ideas.

▶ **Caring for Our Aging Parents**  
**March 8, 6:30 p.m., Room 131**  
**Pam Brandon, Texas Area Agency on Aging**  
**“Paying for Care”**

Learn about various levels and options for care and how much these cost in Texas as well as options on paying for care. Identifying the need for intervention and how to communicate with our loved one about change is critical to a smooth transition.

▶ **Public Lecture Series**  
**March 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Festival Hall**  
**“Life on Life’s Terms”**

**Patti Hall, Manager of Wellness and Related Services, Hazelton**  
 This presentation will explore how short-term stress can be observed and embraced to give us healthy information about ourselves and facilitate positive action toward peacefulness. The experience of stress, how to interrupt it and positive coping skills will be addressed.

The Lecture Series meets the second Tuesday of the month. CEUs will be provided for professionals. Childcare reservations must be made online before Noon on Thursday at [www.standrewumc.org/ministries/children/childcare/](http://www.standrewumc.org/ministries/children/childcare/).

▶ **Texas Youth Tobacco Awareness Program**  
**March 15, 17, 22 and 24**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m., Room 121**  
**\$85.00 per person**  
**Patti Scott**

**Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern,**  
**St. Andrew Counseling Center**  
 This eight-hour program encourages students to analyze why they use tobacco, how their environment supports their tobacco use, and assists them in developing strategies to begin the cessation process. At the end of the program, it is hoped that participants have enhanced their knowledge and skills to facilitate tobacco cessation. For more information or to register for the March class, contact Patti Scott at 214-291-8031 or email to [patties-tytap@sbcglobal.net](mailto:patties-tytap@sbcglobal.net).



▶ **Families Anonymous**  
**Wednesday Evenings, 7:30 p.m., Room 133**  
 Families Anonymous is a support group of concerned relatives and friends whose lives have been adversely affected by a loved one’s addiction to alcohol or drugs. For more information, contact David Ashburner at 214-773-6201 or [david.ashburner@gmail.com](mailto:david.ashburner@gmail.com).

▶ **Grief Journey Workshop**  
**Mondays, April 12-May 17**  
**7:00-8:30 p.m., Room 123**  
**Laura Atterstrom, Licensed Professional Counselor**  
 Dealing with the overwhelming emotions that accompany the death of a loved one can be extremely difficult and painful. This six-week workshop is intended for anyone who has experienced this and addresses a range of issues including:

- What to expect in the grief process
- How to attend to your needs while grieving
- What is necessary to resolve your grief
- Adjusting to life without your loved one
- Honoring the life of your deceased loved one

The workshop is open to church members and non-church members alike and is limited to 12 participants who have experienced a loss in the last 2 years. Attendance on the first night is necessary. Register now online at [www.standrewumc.org/caring\\_ministries/support\\_groups](http://www.standrewumc.org/caring_ministries/support_groups). Contact Donna Fenwick at 214-291-8011 with questions.

**PALS**

▶ **People with Active Life Styles** meets every 2nd through 5th Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew unless otherwise noted.

**March 10** ~ Bingo; Bring a wrapped White Elephant Gift

**March 17** ~ Holly Scott, Licensed Professional Counselor-Intern, St. Andrew Counseling Center

**March 24** ~ Speaker from Exodus House

**March 31** ~ Game Day  
 For more information, contact Frankey Commer at [frank816@verizon.net](mailto:frank816@verizon.net).

**MISSIONS**

▶ **4 CORNERS Mission Trip**  
**June 19-27**  
 4 CORNERS is taking a mission trip to Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica to help build a medical clinic and relationships. Not a builder? Help with VBS for local kids. Care to join us? For more information on this exciting trip, email [4CORNERS@standrewumc.org](mailto:4CORNERS@standrewumc.org).



**YOUTH**

▶ **Created by God**  
**April 22-24**  
*Created by God* is an important seminar that focuses on God’s gift of human sexuality from a Christian perspective. This seminar offers an ideal opportunity to gain an open door to conversation about a number of sensitive and scary subjects from the perspective of child and parent. Early registration for small group leaders is March 8-15 and open registration begins March 16. Space is limited, sign up soon. For more information, please contact Barbara Hedlund at 214-291-8097.

▶ **Easter Sunrise Service**  
**April 4, 6:30 a.m., by the Pond**  
 Easter Sunrise Service will be led by youth. This event will be moved indoors to Festival Hall in the event of bad weather. We will not have Sunday School or UMYF on Easter Sunday.

**FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

▶ **Resurrection Road: Living After...Living On.**  
**Begins the Week of April 4-May 9**  
 Don’t miss this opportunity to be a part of a six-week Fellowship Group that will help you explore and be inspired by six uplifting messages of Resurrection, Hope, and Strength. The aim of this series is to encourage you to grow in your faith and lift your spirits as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. If you have any questions about being a part of or hosting a group, please contact Rev. Edlen Cowley at [ecowley@standrewumc.org](mailto:ecowley@standrewumc.org), 214-291-8083 or Connie Robertson at 214-291-8004, [croberson@standrewumc.org](mailto:croberson@standrewumc.org).



▶ **Fellowship Groups**  
**GroupLink**  
**March 21 & March 28**  
 GroupLink provides you an opportunity to meet Home Hosts immediately following worship on March 21 and 28. These groups will begin the week of Easter, April 4. If you have any questions about being a part of or hosting a group, please contact Rev. Edlen Cowley at [ecowley@standrewumc.org](mailto:ecowley@standrewumc.org), 214-291-8083 or Connie Robertson at 214-291-8004, [croberson@standrewumc.org](mailto:croberson@standrewumc.org).

▶ **Middle School Lock-in**  
**April 9**  
 Sign up for the Middle School Lock-In! It will be here at St. Andrew. You can register online or in the youth office. Cost per student is \$10. Visit the website at [www.saumcyouth.com](http://www.saumcyouth.com) for more details.

▶ **5th Grade Parent Meeting**  
**April 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Room 233**  
 5th grade parents, mark your calendar and save the date for the upcoming 5th Grade Parent Meeting. More details will be mailed to you.



**MUSIC**

▶ **Grand Music for Grand Spaces**  
**March 6, 8:00 p.m.**  
 The Plano Civic Chorus presents a concert, *Grand Music for Grand Spaces*, in the St. Andrew Sanctuary. The PCC will be joined by featured guests Imperial Brass, Voices A cappella, and organist Bradley Reznicek. Tickets are available from the St. Andrew music office by calling 214-291-8002. Church members will receive a 50% discount.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**

▶ **March 13, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**  
**North Parking Lot**  
 Recycle your unwanted television, computer monitors, and other electronics. \$5-\$10 fee. Items with broken screens will not be accepted. Sponsored by the City of Plano.

