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# St. Andrew's Chronicle

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### *Our Mission Statement*

*You are welcome here to worship and to feel God's presence.*

### **St. Andrew's United Church of Christ**

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The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Our answering machine is always available to take a message.

### **Sunday Schedule**

**Worship Services** 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

**Nursery Available** During both services

There is a Coffee Hour following both services.

## From the Desk of Our Interim Pastor, Kendall Brown

More and more the word “Interim” is being changed in my own thinking and use to the word “Transitional.” “Transitional” points to changes being made with greater clarity than does the word “Interim.” An interim can be seen as a time between two times without any expectation of there ever being any real differences between the two times. A transition implies that the process includes a change! I like the word “transition” the best. Below is a meditation, which was included in worship on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The writing is too rich to use once and then lay aside. The title is, *Enter the Crocus* by Halford E. Luccock and is appropriate for Lent, spring and times of transition, so I put it in print here for more of you to read, or re-read.

“The little crocus is coming up in the world. That ought to occasion no surprise. For that is the long suit of the crocus – coming up through the ground and early. But this is something different: the crocus is in the Bible! It blooms in the 35<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah in the *Revised Standard Version*. There the desert no longer “blossoms as the rose.” Instead we read, “Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly.” We are sorry to lose the rose, for that phrase “blossom as the rose” has worked its way into the memory of the human race. But there is at least one rose still left, “I am a rose of Sharon.” (Song of Solomon 2:11)

“Nevertheless, here is a rousing welcome to the crocus, for it is a perfect symbol of hope and a model for daring action. The crocus is the pioneer of blossoms, the “take a chance” flower. It does not wait till the snow gets off the ground. It pushes up through, and its sword-shaped leaves say, “Get out of the way, iceberg! Spring is coming.” Other flowers may sleep till May or June, but the crocus jumps the gun. Salute the crocus!

“We need more crocuses among humans, people who take the first possible – or impossible – chance, even a 100 to 1 shot, at getting something done. The world has moved forward on the ventures of crocus-minded people. Consider Paul, the Apostle, and so many other movers and shakers. Paul was a crocus, pushing up in the dead of winter.

“If people wait till they can bet on a sure thing, the right time never comes. John Jay Chapman said that he had lived a long time and had been associated with many causes, but never with any cause for which the time was right. Good things happen when there is hardly a speck of chance.

“If anyone should read this, I hope he or she will turn it over to the flower committee of the church with the suggestion that a bouquet of crocuses will be a fitting decoration for the chancel.”

Saint Andrews needs in this time of transition crocus-thinking, a crocus spirit and crocus courage. So be it.

*Kendall Brown, Interim Minister*

## 2018 UCC Women of MI - The Gathering

The GATHERING is a weekend of retreat, renewal, relaxation, and recharging. It is a time to greet old friends and make new ones. There will be Friday evening entertainment and vespers. Saturday's activities give you many opportunities to either stay busy or simply enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Kettunen Center. Sunday offers a Sunday school class and a very meaningful worship service. Of course, we must add a business meeting somewhere in all the activity. Kettunen Center is located in the woods on a beautiful lake. The accommodations are "luxury in the woods" and the food is scrumptious and abundant. In short, it's yourMweekend. Come and enjoy!

The keynote speaker this year is Rev. Denise Griebler. Denise is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She is a pastor, human rights and social justice activist, retreat leader and potter, living in Detroit, Michigan. Denise connects the dots between faith, creativity and justice. She is the director and resident artist at MannaWorks clay studio in St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Detroit and is the pastor of First UCC in Richmond, Michigan.

**Click here to register:**

[http://www.michucc.org/images/The\\_Gathering\\_2018.pdf](http://www.michucc.org/images/The_Gathering_2018.pdf)

### Covenant Association Spring Meeting

Sun, May 6, 3pm – 4pm  
Federated Church of Grass Lake,  
519 E Michigan Ave,  
Grass Lake, MI 49240, USA

This meeting will include a program, to be announced.

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The Ecclesiastical Council for Marcia Meabon

Marcia serves as the Interim Pastor of Webster Church, UCC, Dexter, MI.

This Council is when the Association votes to affirm (or not) the recommendation of the Association's Church and Ministry Committee that she be authorized as an ordained minister in the UCC. The minimal requirements for ordination are 4 years of college, 3 years of graduate school (seminary), several years in the of work and preparation in the Discernment Process of the UCC with the Church and Ministry Committee, completion of Clinical Pastoral Education and Boundary Training. Expecting that her Interim work will be completed soon, a vote of approval by this Council will be pending her next call to a UCC pastoral position.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!**  
**Festival of Faith 2018**  
**A Day of Service - Gospel in Action**

**April 21, 2018**  
**8:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ have a unique partnership of faith, fellowship and service. On April 21, we will put that partnership into action by working and witnessing together on behalf of our neighbors in need. Choose one of the three service settings and prepare to joyfully serve together!

Site Locations:

- Detroit: [Rippling Hope](#) - Supervised Painting and General Home Maintenance /Repair at Sites in Detroit.
- Grand Rapids: [United Church Outreach Ministries](#) (UCOM), [Habitat](#), [HQGR](#), [Family Promise](#) - Supervised Home Maintenance, Food Sorting, General Cleaning
- Benzie County - [BACN](#) (Benzie Area Christian Neighbors), [Grow Benzie](#), [Michigan Legacy Art Park](#): Supervised Painting, Raking, Trail Maintenance

**How Much? FREE!**

Regardless of your volunteer site, bring a bag lunch, bottle of water and cash/check for free will donation!

Register for your site early: [lisa@michucc.org](mailto:lisa@michucc.org)

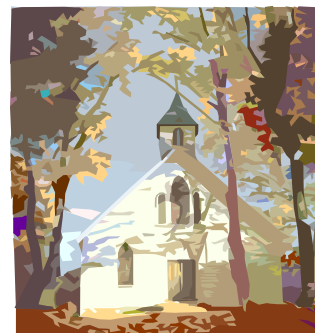
**ONLINE REGISTRATION**

**Festival of Faith 2018 - Event Flyer**



*March Worship Service Attendance Figures*

March, 2017	March, 2018
65	66
62	70
59	65
64	79
	35 (Maundy Thursday)



## *April Monthly Dinner Coming Up*

The April monthly dinner will take place Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5 until 6:30 p.m. The meal will feature baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, a roll, salad, dessert, and beverage. Tickets for dine in and carry out dinners are available at the door for \$10/adult, \$5 youth ages 5-12, and free for children 4 and under. Please join us for a time of great food and wonderful fellowship. Please contact Judie Dioszegi at 734-433-9132 if you are able to help with either preparation or serving of the meal.

A bake sale will also take place at the April monthly dinner. We are looking for bakers who are willing to donate items. If you are able to help, please contact Betty Davenport for additional information.

The last monthly dinner before the summer break will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018. The May dinner will feature meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, a vegetable, roll, salad, dessert and beverage. Please plan to join us for this tasty meal!

## *Notes of Appreciation*

*Secretary's Note: The first three notes of appreciation were in response to caring letters sent from the friends and family of St. Andrew's Church.*

Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer. Thank you so much for the caring letter sent in the recent loss of my mom. All of your kind words, thoughts and prayers mean a lot to me during this difficult time.

*Blessings to all  
Jan Weiss Stoll and Family*



The Family of Ruth Marie Shoop acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you to everyone at St. Andrew's for all of your support, prayers, cards, and well wishes over these many years. To all who helped with the funeral service and luncheon for my mom – an extra thank you.

God bless all of you.

*Ann Shoop*



(Notes of Appreciation, Continued)

Friends in Christ at St. Andrew's Church,  
We thank you for your thoughts and prayers during Joe's illness and passing. They have been a comfort to our family.

*In Christ,  
Donna Bollo*



*Secretary's Note: When we held on Veterans' Day worship service on November 12, 2017, a special breakfast was held afterwards and a free will donation was collected. The donations totaled \$82.03. Parts of the response from the VA Hospital follow. The entire letter can be found on the on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.*

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System patients and staff, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to you for the most generous donation of \$82.03. As requested, this donation has been deposited in the chapel fund account.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue our mission to honor America's Veterans by providing exceptional healthcare that improves their health and well-being. Your thoughtfulness also reflects the concern and compassion that our community feels for our Veterans. Thank you for your continued support.

*Sincerely,  
Beverly Conatser, CAVS  
Chief, Voluntary and Chaplain Services*



### *April Birthdays*

2	- Elaine Owsley	15	- Gerry Stoll
3	- Roberta Cobb	20	- Ann Egeler
8	- Thelma Bertomaschi	22	- Carla Gordon
12	- Shelly Judit	25	- Bruce Breuninger
14	- Shirley Cobb		



*Please inform the church office if we have forgotten any members or friends by calling 426-8610.*

*February, 2018 Financial Report*  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Reported at the March 19, 2017 Consistory Meeting**

**FUNDS AND BALANCES**

**GENERAL**

January 31, 2018 Actual Ending Balance \$87,644.68

February Income

Giving	\$ 7,038.00
Flowers	35.00
Rental	150.00
Monthly Dinner	2,319.00
Pass Through	<u>212.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 9,754.00

February Expenses

Payroll	\$ 4,389.98
Payroll Taxes & Processing	1,200.18
Pastor Expense	185.00
Utilities – Church	1,378.11
Utilities – Parsonage	167.04
Repairs, Maintenance & Custodial	765.90
Office Expense	186.56
Pass Through	212.00
Monthly Dinner	564.94
Snow Removal	<u>3,460.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 12,509.71

Transfer of funds to investment	\$-50,000.00
Ending Cash Balance	34,888.97
Checks outstanding	+ 2,740.45
Ending Bank Balance-General Fund	\$ 37,629.42

**OTHER FUNDS**

Buildings Fund Balance 2/28/2018	\$ 16,562.79
Bank Account Balance 2/28/2018	\$ 54,192.21

<b>MONEY OWED TO MEMORIAL FUND</b>	<b>(\$0) – Debt forgiven</b>
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	50,000.00

**BUDGET**

Budgeted Income - 2018	129,550.00
Actual Income (Jan & Feb)	21,964.00
Budgeted Expenses - 2018	129,550.00
Actual Expenses (Jan & Feb)	24,430.00

The \$50,000 Endowment Fund has been invested with the same person who is handling the Cemetery and Memorial investments. Along with the Treasurer's report will be a report on this fund.

## *American Red Cross Blood Drive Scheduled*

Although few things compare to tropical sunshine and warm weather, we hear time and again about the good feeling people get when they help save a life by donating blood through the American Red Cross. All of the blood products come from our generous volunteers whose rationale stems from wanting to help others.

Every day of every week, people need blood. Whether it is for emergencies or ongoing medical care, it's a need that doesn't take a break. By donating blood, you can keep our supply strong, especially as the weather turns warmer and the demand for blood and blood products may rise with an increase in outdoor activity.

Please make an effort to donate on MONDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>. The drive runs from 1:00-7 p.m. You can make an appointment by going online to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and using our Sponsor Code-dexter13. You can also call the Red Cross toll free at 1-800-Give Blood, or contact Gerry Abejuro at 313-549-7013.

Remember, blood can't be manufactured; it can only come from generous donors like you!

## *Mission and Outreach Projects* Faith In Action Sunday

The first Sunday of the month has been designated Faith in Action Sunday for the collection of food items and personal items for the Dexter Food Pantry of Faith in Action. Collection baskets are in the Narthex and a box is in the fellowship hall for your donations. Each month we will publish in the Chronicle items that are needed. The food pantry can use most non-perishable items and household cleaning products. They will even accept frozen meats. All donated items are appreciated. Below are the items in most need.

### FOOD ITEMS IN THE MOST NEED FOR APRIL:

Peanut Butter	Mayonnaise	Frosting	Sugar (2 lb. bag)	Stew
Pudding (Boxed)	White/Brown Rice	Pineapple	Diced Tomatoes	
Mac and Cheese (7.25 oz. box)				
Muffin Mix (i.e. blueberry, raspberry – but please, no corn mix)				

Please note... The Dexter Pantry has relocated to 7275 Joy Rd. and has re-opened in its new space. It is right next to the Canine Sports.

Any items you wish to donate are appreciated. A good place to shop for non-brand items is the Dollar Stores or Dollar isles at the grocery store. Seasonal clothing can be donated to the Chelsea office as well as any medical equipment. Want to be a volunteer, contact Faith in Action at 475-3305 or visit their website at [www.faithinaction1.org](http://www.faithinaction1.org). The Chelsea facility is open Monday-Friday and the Dexter Food Pantry is open on Wednesday afternoons.



## *Church Rummage Sale Information Sheet*

**Sale Days: Friday, May 18 from 8 AM to 6 PM**

**Saturday, May 19 from 9 AM to 1 PM**

**Lunch and Bake Sale Both Days**

Plans for the Annual St. Andrew's Rummage Sale are underway. Items will be accepted beginning Sunday, May 6. The drop off schedule is as follows:

- Monday, May 7 through Thursday May 10 from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
- Sunday, May 13 after church until noon
- Monday, May 14 from 8:30 until 5 PM
- Tuesday, May 15 from 8:30 AM to 5 PM
- Wednesday, May 16 from 8:30 AM to 8 PM

Donations will be accepted from church members, family members and friends. They need to be clean and in good working order. Top sellers are Outdoor Items, such as tables and chairs, and garden items; tools; baby items, such as clothing and toys; jewelry; books, CDs and DVDs; and furniture. This year we will also accept plants, particularly outdoor plants and flowers.

Items that we do not accept are the following: large appliance items such as stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers; mattresses and box springs; sinks; tires, propane tanks; baby cribs; baby and child car seats; computers; printers or fax machines. Please save Christmas items and winter clothing for the Fall Rummage Sale that will take place on October 19 and 20.

Prior to the sale we will need many helpers for sorting and pricing. We will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to set up the sale and on Thursday to mark items. Church members may take advantage of early sales **IF** they work at the set up of the Rummage Sale.

We will also be needing workers as cashiers, baggers and stockers during the sale and for cleanup on Saturday.

A bake sale will take place during the Rummage Sale and we ask for donation of baked good...no cream pies. Items should be wrapped and labeled and brought to the church on Thursday, May 17 or early in the morning of May 18. A light lunch (hot dogs, chips and beverages) will be available each day of the sale. Please contact Carol Jones at 426-8114 if you have questions.

## *Open Invitation to Service of Installation*

An invitation has been extended to everyone in the St. Andrew's family to attend the installation of Pastor Grant Speece as Pastor for First Congregational United Church of Christ in Dwight, IL and Emington Congregational United Church of Christ. The service will take place on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. We are planning to have a caring letter prepared to extend our best wishes to Pastor Speece on the day of his installation. The full invitation can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

# April, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8 am: Early Easter Worship Service 10 am: Easter Worship Service <i>Holy Communion Received</i> Easter Sunday <i>Rejoice!</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Church Office Closed All Day</i>  <b>Pastor</b> ←-----	<b>3</b> 11 am: Church Staff Meeting  <b>Brown On</b> -----	<b>4</b> 7-9 am: BNI Group Meets  <b>Vacation This</b> -----	<b>5</b> 9-11 am: Piece- makers Quilting Group  ----- 5 pm: Monthly Dinner Serving Begins	<b>6</b>   <b>Week</b> -----	<b>7</b> 11 am-1:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 40679 Meets in the Fellowship Hall ----->
<b>8</b> 8:30 and 10 am: Worship Services Guest Pastor: Rev. Charles Bigelow <b>Pastor</b> ←-----	<b>9</b>   <b>Brown on</b> -----	<b>10</b>   <b>Vacation</b> ----->	<b>11</b> 7-9 am: BNI Group Meets  7 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 9-11 am: Piece- makers Quilting Group	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 and 10 am Worship Services	<b>16</b> 1-7 pm: ARC Blood Drive  7 pm: Elders and Consistory Comm. Meets	<b>17</b> 11 am: Church Staff Meeting	<b>18</b> 7-9 am: BNI Group Meets  7 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 9-11 am: Piece- makers Quilting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11 am-1:30 pm: Girl Scout Troop 40679 Meets in the Fellowship Hall
<b>22</b> 8:30 and 10 am Worship Services  <i>Earth Day</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11 am: Church Staff Meeting	<b>25</b> 7-9 am: BNI Group Meets  7 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> 9-11 am: Piece- makers Quilting  12:30 pm: Dominoes	<b>27</b>   <i>Arbor Day</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 and 10 am Worship Services	<b>30</b>					

# Church Staff

Rev. Kendall Brown, Interim Pastor  
Paula Allison-England, Organist and Director of Music  
Patricia Wheeler, Office Manager and Financial Secretary

## St. Andrew's Consistory Members

Rev. Kendall Brown	Interim Pastor
President	Denise Marshall
Vice-President	Gerri Van Doren
Secretary	Cathy Gagalis
Treasurer	Carol Jones
Bob Anderson	Deacon, Grounds Committee
Judie Dioszegi	Deacon
Cathy Gagalis	Deacon
Carolyn Lowery	Deacon, Kitchen Committee
Denise Marshall	Deacon
Karen McIlroy	Deacon, Outreach Committee
Elaine Milbocker	Deacon, Christian Education Committee
Bob Smith	Elder, Ushers
Bill Sumner	Deacon, Building Committee
Coleen Tomshany	Elder, Good Shepherds Committee
Gerri Van Doren	Elder, Music Committee
Joyce Waggoner	Deacon, Memorial Board
Johnny Weber	Deacon, Fellowship Committee