



# St. Andrew's Annual Report

## Looking back over the highlights of 2017

By the Very Rev. David Brannen

What was the single most exciting thing that happened at St. Andrew's last year? I think there were two.

First, we launched our Spiritual Leadership Initiative (SLI), which promises to revitalize our leadership and discipleship strategies. We're doing this with coaching help from the Lay Mobilization Institute at Asbury Seminary.

Second, we began the re-design of our youth ministry, using a model for sustainable ministry that doesn't ebb and flow as youth ministers come and go. Our partner in this is Ministry Architects in Louisville, a group with experience helping churches like ours. Please read on for details about these exciting initiatives.

### Spiritual Leadership Initiative

Since March a group of 11 lay people and staff has been in an intensive discipleship training program we call SLI. Nominated by church members, they are now being coached by Bryan Sims, head of the seminary's Lay Mobilization Institute.

They meet twice monthly for study, discussion and prayer. The goal is for them to grow not just as disciples of Christ, but as disciples who make other disciples ... who make other disciples ....

As SLI members practice and share with others at St. Andrew's what they have been learning – in the ministries, small groups, outreach activities, etc., they're involved in – their new ways of seeing and doing things will work like yeast in the rest of the church body. This approach has been successfully used in other churches, and I'm excited about where it will lead us.

To accomplish this, SLI meetings are organized around loving, learning and leading. The loving component focuses on building trust with other team members through accountable relationships, prayer, worship and spiritual formation using Greg Ogden's book "Discipleship Essentials."

During the learning time we use various resources to

improve our leadership skills. We've discussed the book "The Anatomy of Peace" to help us work more effectively with folks with whom we disagree. We're currently working through "UnChristian" to better understand how those outside the church perceive us.

Our leading time consists of clarifying how we will move forward with action steps. In everything we remain focused on our church's purpose, "to experience and share the transforming love of Jesus Christ." Our long-term aim is to help every ministry in the church be guided by this mission statement.

In all we do, we're learning to step out in faith, trusting the experience to be valuable even when the outcome is not what we'd hoped. We remind ourselves that failure can be the best way to learn. So we call new things "experiments," trusting the Lord always to be our leader and teacher.

### Youth Ministry

In 2017 we began planning to hire a half-time youth minister. But we were blessedly unsuccessful, which led to new discoveries about how to build a youth ministry that lasts.

We came across Mark DeVries, a coach who heads Ministry Architects. His book "Building a Sustainable Youth Ministry" explained why St. Andrew's has had trouble building a consistent ministry to youth.

We've followed the usual approach of thinking a paid

staff member is all we need. Unfortunately, as DeVries writes, the typical youth minister is among the least experienced and equipped to do the job. Without a supporting cast, leader burnout, failure and more turnover result.

DeVries' sustainable approach advises starting not by hiring staff but by building a strategically ordered, lay-led infrastructure with clear roles and responsibilities for parents and other interested leaders. This team stays in place, even when there's staff turnover. The good news is that we

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*"Whenever you do this, do it in remembrance of me."*

## WORSHIP THE LORD

'Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving'

### Acolytes, Crucifers and Torchbearers

It was a great year for those who serve the church by lighting candles, carrying the processional cross and torches, and helping with the offering during services. This year two new members joined, Wyatt and Mikayla Watson. Thanks to all involved for serving sincerely and with their whole hearts. – Jewell Brandenburg (859-312-5602/jewell.brandenburg@ssa.gov)

### Altar Guild

Guild members set up the linens, dishes and candles for the Lord's Table on Sunday mornings and other special services. New members are welcome and training is available. – Katey Meares (859-619-5613/kateymeares@prodigy.net)

### Band/Sound Team

The praise band is a group of talented singers and instrumentalists who help lead worship by providing a mix of contemporary and traditional music for the 11 a.m. service and other services as needed. If you sing or play an instrument and are interested in joining on a regular or even a limited basis, please get in touch. The team also has a dedicated group of people who take care of the audio and video needs of the church. Additional volunteers are needed, especially people who are comfortable with standard computer software who can help in this important ministry. – John Backs (828-458-3688/tgjb@roadrunner.com)

### Choir

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing." St. Andrew's choir undertakes to follow that beautiful directive from Psalm 100 each Sunday as well as during their Thursday evening rehearsals. They find great joy in their ministry unto the Lord as well as to the people of St. Andrew's. Singing makes the heart glad and opens a window, a BIG window, to a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Please consider joining or trying the choir out for a season. – Elizabeth Wolfe (502-598-9624/wolfe@centre.edu)

### Flower Ministry

This gifted team makes floral arrangements to adorn the church (except during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent). Parishioners are encouraged to donate flowers

in memory or honor of loved ones any Sunday, especially on Christmas and Easter when names of those honored are listed in the service sheet. The church is grateful for the beautiful arrangements given in love each week as offerings to our Lord and as gifts to the congregation to enhance worship. We appreciate the team's generosity and the joyful spirit in which each arrangement is so freely given. – Louise Dearborn (859-236-5295/louise.dearborn@gmail.com)

### Greeters

Greeting is one of the easiest but most important jobs in a church! Our greeters do more than just smile, open doors, help visitors locate child care, coat racks and restrooms. They also help visitors and members feel welcome, introduce themselves and, when possible, introduce newcomers to other members. Please join this important ministry; we'd love to have lots more smiling faces at the doors! – Leslie Miller (859-753-8474/mliller4891@gmail.com)

### Lay Eucharistic Ministers

On Sundays the LEM team assists in serving Holy Communion. Throughout the week they take communion to those who are sick or shut-in. Those involved have a love for this ministry and do an important job very well. – Jewell Brandenburg (859-312-5602/jewell.brandenburg@ssa.gov)

### Lay Readers

Lay readers serve by reading the Scripture, prayers and creed each Sunday. Our readers take the Word of God very seriously and practice in advance, so not only they but also the congregation will understand the passages read. We have seen lives changed when the Lord's message is received! In recent years many young people have joined the team, serving at both services the first Sunday of every month. – Sherry Afdahl (859-873-1704/afdahlviking1@windstream.net)

### Ushers

We count on our usher teams to keep worship services running smoothly. They hand us our service sheets, help us find seats when needed, welcome and direct visitors, receive our offerings and guide us to Holy Communion. We would love to have additional men (teens are welcome!) to help on either usher team. – Dick Kane/9 a.m. service (859-



Servers Lydia Erickson (l-r), Rosa Langdoc and Sarah Hallman

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### Morning and Evening Prayer

Services from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer are offered at 7 a.m. Wednesdays and 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the sanctuary for those seeking a meaningful, midweek time of worship. – Elizabeth Wolfe (502-598-9624/wolfe@centre.edu) or Todd Renner (859-753-0078/todd.renner@woodfordfinancial.net)

### Unity Services

Ecumenical Unity Services are now hosted every other month at one of the Ministerial Association of Woodford County member churches to strengthen ties between the churches and build bridges between races. Our country has had many racial conflicts in the past several years, and churches in the community want to show that unity in Christ is the way forward. Stay tuned for information about the 2018 schedule. – Todd Renner (859-753-0078/todd.renner@woodfordfinancial.net)

## GROW IN FAITH

### ‘Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior’

#### Nursery

Our nursery is open throughout the morning every Sunday for children from birth to age 4. The nursery is staffed with volunteer caretakers trained through the Ministry-Safe program. They serve with our primary nursery worker, who is available each week to oversee the nursery and share Christ’s love with our youngest members. Children are introduced to Bible stories and Christian songs as they create crafts and play with new friends. The nursery is currently seeking volunteers willing to share their time and tender care during one service a month. – Emily Layne (606-922-7088/emily78layne@hotmail.com)



*Emily Layne surrounded by smiling faces in the nursery*

#### Children’s Worship

Preschool and elementary school children are dismissed from a portion of our worship services on Sundays to participate in worship activities tailored to their age and developmental levels. The worship environment is designed to assist children as they learn to pray, praise and grow in their understanding of the Word of God. This year we used Beulah Land felt story curriculum to help the children become more familiar with the ways in which the stories of Scripture fit together and can be applied to our lives. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595/kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

#### Youth Group

Our youth met once a month for fellowship and Bible study. In the fall, we had a bonfire and invited the Rev. Stephen Abbott, a guest speaker from Australia, to share his testimony with us. The youth helped at the Woodford County Food Pantry and also served in numerous important roles at Creative Arts Camp this summer.

In addition, eight young people met with individual mentors to prepare for their confirmation over the course of several months. The confirmands and their mentors

studied God’s Word together and participated in a confirmation retreat for their final preparations for confirmation on Sept. 10. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595/kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

#### Baptism/First Communion Classes

Classes were offered for parents who wished to have infants baptized and for children who themselves wished to be baptized. The parents of infants met weekly for one month to explore the history and theology of the sacrament of baptism in the Anglican Church. They also

explored baptism-related Scriptures and wrote prayers for their infants.

Children seeking baptism and their parents attended classes on understanding our story as Christians and the biblical meaning of baptism as well as on significant aspects of belonging to an Anglican church. Lessons included times for parents and children to read the Bible together with additional projects to complete at home. Hands-on activities helped children understand what it means to belong to Jesus and his church while following him as Lord and Savior. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595/kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

#### Small Group Ministry

Small groups are an important part of life at St. Andrew’s, offering members the opportunity to enjoy a deeper level of friendship, discipleship and support than is possible on Sunday mornings alone. Almost every day of the week offers one or more opportunities to gather



*September's baptism/confirmation service was a time of celebration for the newly baptized and confirmed and their mentors.*

in some form of small group, whether in homes or at the church. While most groups have focused on Bible study, others have focused on prayer, book study and fellowship. – David Brannen (859-312-8851 / dbrannen@standrewsky.org)

#### **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

Joshua Williams continued the midweek Bible study, which completed working through the Book of Titus and is now working its way through the Book of Hosea. The study sets each verse within the larger framework of the Bible in order to seek a deeper understanding of God by studying his whole Word. The study's broader goal has been to equip God's ambassadors with God's Truth so they can more faithfully live out a life of active love. Newcomers are encouraged to join at any time. A link to audio recordings of the class is available on the church website. The class meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in Nathan Hall. – Fielding Walker (310-625-2290)

#### **Read Though the Bible**

The Read Through the Bible (RTB) group finished its ninth year with a second consecutive year of reading through the New King James Version Chronological Bible. A chronological presentation of Scripture (reading books/chapters in the Bible in the order in which they were written) offers a different perspective, with items like the psalms and the prophets read in their historical context. The RTB group meets at the church once or twice each month to share our reflections on what we have been reading. RTB group members find our understanding of Scripture is deepened through this shared experience. Our 10th year (2018) will be different as we slow down to read smaller passages more intensely, with a major focus on the 21 epistles. Ours is an open group – you're welcome to come and go as you please, especially in the current year when we have monthly readings instead of a daily reading list. – Fred Ruppel (859-979-4441 / fred.ruppel@eku.edu)

## **SERVE THE CHURCH**

### **'Use whatever gift you have received to serve others'**

#### **Birthday Card Ministry**

The card ministry acknowledges members of the church by sending them birthday cards. This past year an average of 14 cards per month were sent to members. There were no requests for cards of encouragement to be sent to the elderly, the depressed or discouraged, or to children homebound in institutions, though this option remains open to anyone wishing to brighten someone's day by requesting a card be sent. Recipients do not have to be members of our church.

Several people in the church still have not provided their birthdates so cards can be sent to them, too. You are a blessing to the church, and we encourage you to bestow a blessing on this ministry by allowing us to serve the Lord by serving you. – Alice Herman (859-605-2222)

#### **CD Ministry**

The CD ministry copies sermons onto CDs and sells them for \$1 each per orders from parishioners, enabling parishioners to listen to sermons again and also to share them with friends and loved ones. This is one way the gospel message we are blessed to receive each week can reach others as well. – Marty Rogan (859-516-1488 / mlamason@bellsouth.net)

#### **The Gathering@10:24**

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Come enjoy Ugandan Gold coffee, Doughdaddy's doughnuts and an ever changing array of beverages and treats in Nathan Hall each Sunday between our worship services. Here friends reconnect and newcomers are welcomed, all in an atmosphere of relaxed enjoyment. Anyone interested in joining or helping with this weekly ministry is welcome to get in touch. – Bill Hallman (859-338-0979 / chefwah@msn.com)

### Communications Team

Whether it be through the weekly St. Andrew's News, website, Facebook or Instagram pages, or parish emails, the communications team works diligently to keep the parish well informed. Church posters, calendars and social media posts keep us up to date. Yard banners and newspaper articles in The Woodford Sun let the community know they're welcome at St. Andrew's. The team asks that parishioners submit photos of church activities for both the website and social media pages. – Sharon Werner (859-492-1468 / swerner@standrewsky.org)

### Family Christmas Pageant

Each December children and their families come together for a Saturday night of fun and feasting in preparation for the Sunday Christmas pageant. Roles are assigned, costumes are created, songs are sung, and lines are rehearsed as parents and teachers work together. Then in church on Sunday morning the children in the pageant share the hope-filled message of Christmas. Many families from our Avanza tutoring ministry participate as well as longtime members of our church family. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595 / kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

### Office Team

The office team serves the clergy, staff, ministry leaders and congregation administratively. They work faithfully to assure that needs are met, worship services and ministries

run smoothly, and that all who stop by during the week are warmly welcomed. The team is constantly looking for ways in which to help St. Andrew's run efficiently and economically. We're thankful to all those who step in to help us with special projects and welcome all who think this team might be a fit for them. – Sharon Werner (859-492-1468 / swerner@standrewsky.org)

### Prayer Team

A faithful team of intercessors serves in this quiet but vital ministry to the church and those in need. New in 2017 was a Lenten prayer effort in which parishioners prayed for worship services as they were being conducted. A special prayer room created for the project has remained open for anyone wanting a quiet space for prayer. Team members also staff a prayer station at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays. In addition, a large group of intercessors is available by email to receive prayer requests submitted to the church. – Claire Brannen (859-312-8829 / clairebrannen@gmail.com)

### Prayer Quilt Group

This new group formed in the fall meets monthly to work as a team making lap-sized quilts. The quilts are made as a ministry to church members in need of a spiritual lift. We've completed our first two quilts. The group also provides an opportunity for everyone to learn from one another's skills. Anyone interested in participating is invited to get in touch. – Cheryl Bradway (859-753-5884 / cbradway@windstream.net)

### Sexton's Team

The sexton makes sure church facilities work, everything from the lights overhead to the plumbing underfoot. He does this with the assistance of our custodian, Josh Cornett. – Mike Stevens (859-873-8362 / northpolerailroad@windstream.net)



*The cast of the 2017 Family Christmas Pageant during a break from a busy evening of pageant preparations*

### Vestry/Senior Warden's Report

The vestry is an elected governing body of seven members of St. Andrew's who meet monthly to direct the business and temporal affairs of the church. The vestry prayerfully executes its responsibilities, asking the Lord to guide all their decisions. Major activities in 2017 included:

(1) A new parish photo directory was published and distributed. Copies are available at the information center.

(2) As a result of a parish survey pointing to the need for lay leadership development, the Spiritual Leadership Initiative (SLI) was launched in March 2017. The SLI team of nine volunteer lay persons and two staff members has met twice each month with a coach experienced in guiding churches to become better at fulfilling the Great Commission. In 2018 we will be experimenting with new ways to reach deeper into our local community.

(3) A second major strategic initiative has focused on youth ministry. In 2017 we began working with Ministry Architects, a group that helps churches build a sustainable youth ministry. Our



*New ministry makes prayer quilts for those needing support.*

coach, Sara Bailey, guided by ministry founder Mark DeVries, will assist us in building an infrastructure for youth ministry. We're optimistic that this effort will be fruitful.

(4) Details about vestry projects to maintain church facilities are in the junior warden's report (below).

Church members are welcome to attend vestry meetings at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month except July. Minutes of meetings are on file in the church office. – Fielding Walker (310-625-2290)

### Vestry/Junior Warden's Report

The junior warden's ministry team includes the sexton, building committee and men's ministry. They bring recommendations for repairs, upgrades or replacement of equipment to the vestry and work together to maintain the church building and grounds. This past year saw upgrades to the HVAC system, removal of dirt from the front planter to allow installation of lights, and the remediation of mold from the basement. It has been a blessing to work with these faithful brothers and sisters. –Paul Afdahl (859-873-1704/afdahlviking1@windstream.net)

## SERVE THE WORLD

*'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'*

### AmazonSmile/Ministry to Uganda

AmazonSmile is a rebate program that allows parishioners to donate 0.5% of eligible Amazon purchases to the Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese of Uganda (St. Andrew's first diocese). Parishioners sign up to participate at smile.amazon.com. Funds raised help with diocesan expenses and ministry efforts. This program is one way St. Andrew's continues our partnership with brothers and sisters in Uganda. – Silas Hart (859-873-1648/silashart@windstream.net)

### Anglicans for Life

The St. Andrew's chapter of Anglicans for Life (AFL) supports the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. Last year's activities again included a parish-wide Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser, which ran from Mother's Day through Father's Day, collecting donations to benefit Avenues for Women, a crisis pregnancy center in

Frankfort. Additionally we supported their annual fundraising banquet. To volunteer to assist in AFL projects, please call or email. – Paul Erickson (859-948-6136/paul-erickson51@aol.com)

### Avanza

Avanza is a tutoring program for Hispanic children from Hunteertown School. Each Tuesday afternoon students are bused to St. Andrew's for a quick snack and brief recess before they do homework with assistance from tutors. Many of their parents speak little English and cannot help with schoolwork. But with help from tutors, the kids are successful in the classroom. Children are also blessed to have Jesus' love taught and demonstrated by the St. Andrew's team. In addition, field trips and family cookouts are important times of celebration for Avanza children. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595/kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

### Avanza Summer Reading Initiative

This summer we partnered with the Woodford County Library to provide educational enrichment to our Avanza students. Each Tuesday we picked students up on the church bus and transported them to the library to read, hear stories read aloud, and explore and create with hands-on manipulatives. Children were also able to check out books and take them home each week. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595/kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

### Conversational Spanish Class

A Spanish class begun last year to facilitate ministry to the local Hispanic community continues this year with eight to nine people attending each week. Their Spanish has improved to the point that they can participate in beginning level conversations and form sentences and questions using vocabulary they have learned. A couple of trips to a local Mexican restaurant allowed class members to use their Spanish to communicate with native speakers. Though most of last year focused on learning Spanish from a book, we hope to incorporate more contextual learning and expand the ministry by engaging the Hispanic community in Versailles. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595/kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

### Creative Arts Camp

Kids from our parish and surrounding neighborhoods gathered at St. Andrew's this summer for our third annual Creative Arts Camp for elementary school children. Each day children heard a Bible lesson, received lunch and enjoyed a couple of hours of instruction in the creative arts. Students explored new ways to paint, draw, sew, dance, sing, play an instrument, participate in a drama, and fashion items from wood. Camp culminated with a Friday cookout and celebration featuring displays of the children's crafts, songs, Bible verses and dance. The next Creative Arts Camp will be from June 4-8. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595/kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

### Easter Basket Outreach

Many of our members don't know that in its early days St. Andrew's was a church body without a home, and we were fortunate to be able to meet for services and fellowship at two of our local elementary schools. Remembering their help to us, we have for over a decade provided Easter dinners and goodies to families at those schools who are struggling financially. Each year we serve approximately 40 families, including several whose children are in our Avanza tutoring ministry. Parishioners participate in the effort through their generous donations of food, money

and volunteer time. This project helps us share the love of Christ with others in our community who are in need. – Bill and Shelly Hallman (859-879-0045/chefwah@msn.com)

### Food Pantry for Woodford County

St. Andrew's and its members have helped an increasing number of people receive emergency food relief through our local food pantry. One program is a "client choice" pantry in which clients select food for their families, filling a grocery cart with donated canned goods, breads, produce and other nutritious items; purchased milk, cheese and meats; and some commodities. Church members donate items and take our turn volunteering on Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Other programs involve the monthly distribution of boxes of commodities to low-income seniors and others. Our volunteers have also helped organize items and pack boxes. – Marvin and Debbie Schumacher (859-230-8262/debbieschumacher.50@gmail.com)



*Creative arts camper gets woodworking help from Paul Afdahl.*

### Freedom Road

This anonymous recovery group is open to those dealing with issues like substance abuse, workaholicism, pornography and overeating, offering a Christian perspective on the traditional 12-step recovery process. The group meets for an hour at 7 a.m. Thursdays downstairs at St. Andrew's. Anyone who wants help is welcome. – David (859-873-3321/info@standrewsky.org)

### Kroger Community Rewards/Ministry to Uganda

Since 2005 St Andrew's has earned thousands of dollars for missions work in Uganda through Kroger rebate programs. To continue earning rebates with Kroger's current Community Rewards Program, parishioners must register their Kroger Plus Cards online at Krogercommunityrewards.com and choose St. Andrew's (our ID number is 11053) as the organization to receive rebates. – Laura Little-Zoldak (859-312-8856/littlezoldak@hotmail.com)

### Men's Ministry

The men's ministry continued our monthly prayer breakfasts last year which included guests from St. Paul AME Church in Versailles and St. Peter's Anglican Church in Frankfort. We were blessed to be able to complete some home and auto repairs for those who needed our help. In addition, many of our members participated in Avanza and Creative Arts Camp, including doing cookouts for both these events. We pray for 2018 to be a year with more men joining this ministry of prayer, service and fellowship. – Paul Afdahl (859-873-1704/afdahlviking1@windstream.net)

### Mission Committee

St. Andrew's is growing as a church of missions-minded people who support mission work spiritually and physically as well as financially. Through the committee's oversight, St. Andrew's has supported several ongoing ministries: Gateway Center for World Mission (Ken and Martha Shirkey); Africa Inland Mission (Bethany Tennent in Tanzania); Mission Aviation Fellowship in Democratic Republic of Congo (Laura and Timo Harkonen); the Czech Republic ministry of Mark and Tommie Bruner; and the Middle East ministry of Joel and Elizabeth Peterson. In addition, in 2017 St. Andrew's provided funding for advanced seminary training in support of a proposed new diocese for the growing church in Uganda (the Rev. Eric Twine); coordinated a partnership with the Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese in Uganda for scholarships and email mentoring for 15 high school girls; helped support ministry in Peru through Youth With A Mission (Abigail Renner); supported our youth in Operation Christmas Child and a mission trip to Appalachia; sent hurricane relief funds to Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico through the Anglican Relief and Development Fund; sent start-up assistance to the Church of the Ascension, an Anglican mission in West Virginia (the Rev. Darryl Fitzwater); and contributed to the Matthew 25 Initiative of the Anglican Church in North America to benefit North American ministries serving on the margins of society. Check out the committee's bulletin board outside Nathan Hall. We invite church members to let us know what the Lord has put on your hearts to meet needs locally, in Kentucky, the U.S. and the world. – Debbie Schumacher (859-230-8262 / debbieschumacher.50@gmail.com)



*Students at Creative Arts Camp having fun with volunteer Wyatt Watson*

### Operation Christmas Child

Again this year St. Andrew's parishioners sent several dozen shoeboxes filled with toys, books and gifts to needy children worldwide through Operation Christmas Child. The best gift, however, is the Bible lessons given to the children receiving these shoeboxes. The project is made possible by the generous contributions of St. Andrew's parishioners and the active involvement of the youth group along with the assistance of the church's mission committee. – Kelly Langdoc (859-213-0595 / kellylangdoc@gmail.com)

### Thursday Golf League

Seeking to build friendships for the sake of the gospel,

golf enthusiasts from St. Andrew's invited golfers from the community to join them each Thursday from May through October at Moss Hill Golf Course. In addition to fostering friendships, the effort led to an invitation to St. Andrew's to lead an Easter sunrise service at Moss Hill for the second year in a row. – David Brannen (859-312-8851 / dbrannen@standrewsky.org)

### Ugandan Gold Coffee/Ministry to Uganda

St. Andrew's sells coffee grown in the Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese of Uganda (our church's first diocese) to support missions work there. The coffee farm provides employment for local workers as well as revenues for healthcare initiatives, the drilling of fresh water wells and new economic development. Coffee is sold at least once a month on Sunday mornings in Nathan Hall and is available at other times through the church office. – Dick and Carol Kane (859-873-0803 / kanegrundy@aol.com)

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already have a group of interested team members ready to get started. We just need to give them some direction.

So late in the year we engaged the services of Ministry Architects and started work with coach Sara Bailey. As the year came to a close, we were beginning to sense the hope and excitement of better, more consistent disciple-making for our youth. Stay tuned.

#### Conclusion

In the year ahead we will continue to work in these two areas. The results should produce a wide-ranging, positive impact on ministry at St. Andrew's. In particular, we'll be

looking to these initiatives to inform our discipleship ministries to adults and youth. We expect to get further clarification about how we pursue spiritual formation (discipleship) on Sunday mornings and throughout the week.

One last thing, I'd like to share the positive feedback we have received from our two coaches. Both Bryan Sims and Sara Bailey have spoken enthusiastically about the quality and commitment of the St. Andrew's folks they've met. I've been pleased to hear this but not surprised.

I don't say this so we can pat ourselves on the back, but I do want to remind and encourage you about the potential the Lord has poured into this church. I am blessed to be the pastor of St. Andrew's, and I'm convinced He's got much more ahead for us in the years to come.