



# The Messenger



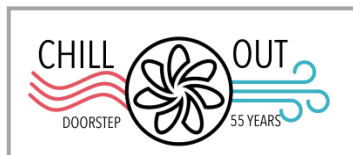
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The money was raised... The new system has been installed... And, now it's time to celebrate, and give thanks! We had a successful 55th Anniversary ~ HVAC Fund collection!



Please join us on **Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 2pm** in the Doorstep Conference Room as we recognize the successful campaign and support of the community, along with the major donors, companies and individuals, who donated \$2,500 or more. We greatly appreciate everyone who donated to this special fund allowing us to make this major upgrade to our building!

In the past four months of 2023 (March-June) Doorstep has experienced a 43% increase in the number households receiving food assistance compared to the same timeframe in 2022. We have provided food for 47% more individuals being fed with those food orders, and have given out a total of 42,093 pounds of food in the past four months.

Doorstep has exhausted our 2023 Project Topeka funds of \$11,000 used to purchase staple food items, and we have spent another \$17,156 purchasing food to help keep our shelves stocked to fill the requests.

During the pandemic we went from providing food every 60 days to every 30 days, and have kept it at that timeframe since. But, it is becoming a challenge to give out full food orders containing all of the items we normally provide for our neighbors to put meals together.

We know times are tough for everyone, but we would ask that you give where you can, so that we can all continue to help our neighbors in need in our community.

## Float Sunday

Join us on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, following worship as we continue our Float Sunday tradition. The Fellowship committee will be providing different flavors of soda for a delicious summer treat as we share a time of fellowship. See you there.



## July Birthday Celebrations



Following worship on July 9<sup>th</sup>, we helped Jo Ann Miller and Francene Beall celebrate their birthdays. Each reached the 70-year milestone, Jo Ann on July 1<sup>st</sup> and Francene on July 10<sup>th</sup>. We wish them many more Happy Birthdays.



In addition to leading us in singing Happy Birthday to Jo Ann and Francene, Dave Aschenbrenner entertained us with musical renditions on his “canjo”, a unique homemade form of a banjo. consisting of a tin can and string mounted on a board. Thanks, Dave, for this fun time.

## Rummage Sale



Please remember to bring anything you might have that we can sell for the in-person sale coming up in late September or early October. Many things are listed online but we do not have as much yet for a larger in-person sale. Sheets, towels, cookware, kitchen utensils, tools (garage items), housewares, books and movies all sell well. Also, decorations and craft supplies. Ask your neighbors and friends if they have things they would like to clean out and donate as well. We always look at each item to determine if it is better to sell online or in-person. Pickup can be arranged, call or text Steph at 785-925-2344 or the church office. August is the month to get this done so we have September to organize and get ready!

Also, for those cooks among us, baked goods also sell well so plan ahead! Thank you so much for your support in this endeavor, it really helps our church!

### August 2023 LECTONARY READINGS

**Sunday, August 6** Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

**Sunday, August 13** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

**Sunday, August 20** Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

**Sunday, August 27** Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20





Communion will be observed on August 6th.

## August Birthdays

Zackary Brown, August 1st

Jan Rice, August 30th



Tom and Jeannette Luedke, August 4, 1984

**Caring for our Members and Friends**



Jan Rice, Eric Lainson, Kaylin McDaniels,  
Linda Ozaki, Karen Beckley, Don and Suzie Marker, Linda McElroy.

Keeping in our prayers: Kathy Fuller, Dolores Wilmers, Rita Kelly, Cheryl Kelly  
Remember all who serve-our service men and women, firefighters, EMTs, police officers,  
and medical personnel.

Prayers for the hungry and the homeless.

Prayers for the victims of extreme weather-heat and floods- throughout the country.



**SESSION HIGHLIGHTS-Sunday, July 30, 2023**

[A] '25 Dean Robinson      [ P ] '24 Sharon McDaniels      [P] '23 Betty DeShazer  
[A] '25 Larry William      [ P ] '24 Linda Ozaki      [P] '23 Bill DeShazer  
[P] '25 Jan Rice      [ P ] '24 Stephanie Reynolds      [P] '23 Charles Franks

[P] Session Moderator- Rev. Dr. Stacey Shaffer Jones  
[P] Clerk of Session-Bill DeShazer  
[P] Treasurer-Stephanie Reynolds

Balance in checking as of 06/30/23 - \$17,731.83  
Memorial Fund - \$3,091.05

(Session Meeting continued)

Pledge income for June- \$1,942.00

Non pledge income for June- \$1,425.00

Loose offering for June– \$56.00

Total income for June - \$4,413.94; Total June expenses- \$6,865.33. (expenses overstated because of a double payment that was later corrected)

Bell Tower has been repainted.

New Radio has been ordered for the sign.

Will not be doing the once- a- month birthday cakes. Will do “milestone” birthdays. Let Fellowship know if you have one or know of one. Can do birthday celebration any time if family member or someone provides the cake or other items.

Planning on ham and bean feed Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Work day on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Will be requesting donations from congregation.

Jason Parker is new associate director at Doorstep.

Doorstep’s Christmas in July has been extended through August.

Need regular “stuff” (like sheets, towels, pans) for garage sale.

Next session meeting is August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Communion will be observed on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

August 2023						
◀ July						September ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Zack Brown B'day	2	3	4 Tom & Jeannette Luedke- Anniv.	5
6 Communion	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Float Sunday	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Session	21	22 Presbytery By Zoom	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Jan Rice B'day	31		

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## **WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Bible Study 10:15 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM

