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Andrew's Net

Catching up On The Latest News



A Special Message from Doug Johnson

Dear St. Andrew Family,

From time to time, someone in our church family has a message that deserves a little extra space, and a chance for all of us to pause and reflect. The following note from Doug Johnson is one of those messages. His words are a beautiful reminder of what it means to care for one another, not only in the joyful seasons of life, but especially when the road becomes difficult.

We are grateful for Doug, for his presence in this St. Andrew family, and for the opportunity to surround him with love and encouragement. Please take a moment to read his message below.

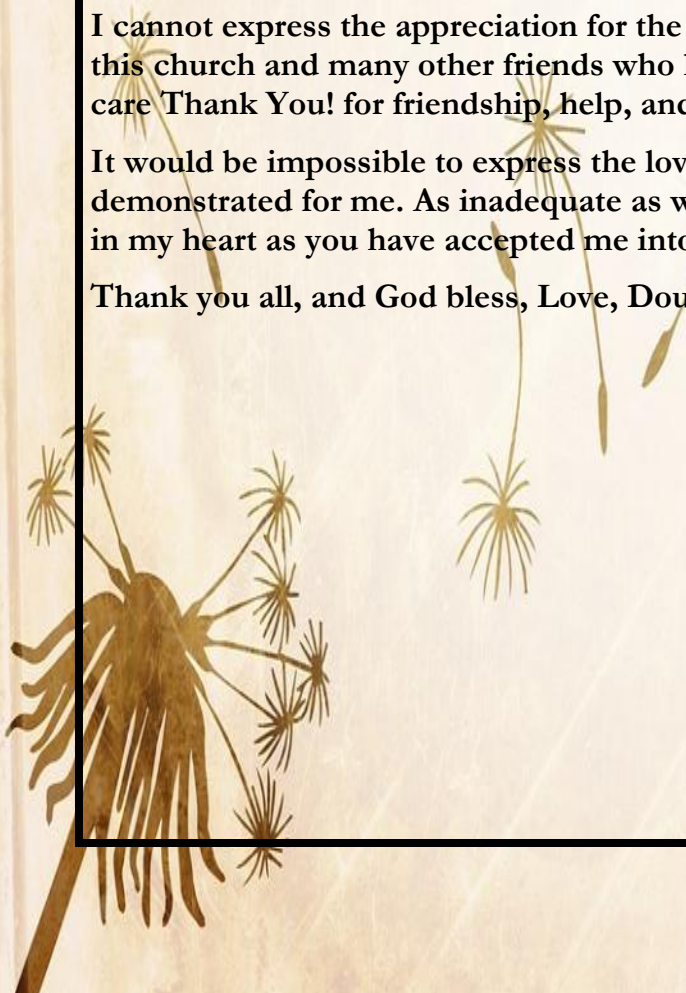
Dear, Dear Friends at St. Andrew,

Before a couple of months ago, words like cancer and Leukemia, while familiar to me, were not words that I related to myself. Since that time, as I have experienced some of the symptoms and the physical manifestations of Leukemia, that has changed.

I cannot express the appreciation for the love and support that I have experienced from this church and many other friends who have shown their love for me and their care. Thank You! for friendship, help, and practical caring.

It would be impossible to express the love I feel towards you, for the love you have demonstrated for me. As inadequate as words are, please know that you have a place in my heart as you have accepted me into yours.

Thank you all, and God bless, Love, Doug.



Thank You

September Schedule

September 2
September 3
September 4

September 5
September 6

Speaker
Liturgist
Music
AV

Greeters & Ushers
September 9

September 10

September 11

September 12

September 13

Speaker
Liturgist
Music
AV

Greeters & Ushers

September 15

September 16

September 17

September 18

September 19

September 20

Speaker
Liturgist
Music
AV

Greeters & Ushers

September 22

September 23

September 24

September 25

September 27

Speaker
Liturgist
Music
AV

Greeters & Ushers

September 29

September 30

Garden Committee – 10:00 AM

Al-Anon—8:00 PM

Al-Anon—7:00 PM

Blue Grass Jam 7-9 PM

Homeward Bound

Worship Service

Susan Thomas

Curt Kochner

Martha Krebill

Brendan McCann

Bob, Mary & Don

Facilities Committee – 10:00 AM

Worship Committee – 11:00 AM

Quilters – 12:00 PM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Garden Room Reserved – 12:30–3:30 PM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Dab N' Gab

Worship Service

Dwight Welch

Cynthia Kessler

Jo Chatman

Martha Krebill

Sandy & Mike

Women's Bible Study – 1:00 PM

Session Meets – 10:00 AM

Writers Group – 10:00 AM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Homeward Bound

Worship Service

Kim Woeste

Patti Johnson

Jo Chatman

Martha Krebill

Judy, Janie & Dave

Women's Bible Study – 1:00 PM

Quilters – 12:00 PM

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Al-Anon – 7:00 PM

Bluegrass Group – 7:00–9:00 PM

Worship Service

Sister Ann Schoch

Dave Kimball

Martha Krebill

Brendan McCann

Cynthia, Jeff, Stan & Annette

Women's Bible Study – 1:00 PM

Button Craft with Cynthia

Al-Anon – 8:00 PM

Updates and Announcements

Deacons' Special Assistance Fund

The Board of Deacons has established a Special Assistance Fund to help provide financial support to members of our St. Andrew church family who are experiencing unexpected hardships or urgent financial needs. If you feel called to help, donations to this fund are gratefully welcomed. As with all gifts made to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law, and every gift will be used to assist members of our church family in times of need. If you have any questions about the fund or would like more information, please contact a member of the Board of Deacons or Gail Kimball.

Women's Bible Study Fall 2026 schedule

Bible Prayers

Sept. 15	Mark 9:14-29	A Father's Prayer for Healing and Help - Susan
Sept. 22	Matthew 14:22-33	Peter's Prayer for Help - Sandy
Sept. 29	Craft	Cynthia
Oct. 6	2 Chr. 20:1-12	Jehoshaphat's Prayer for help - Jody
Oct. 13	Matthew 6:5-15	The Lord's Prayer - Cynthia
Oct. 20	Eph. 1:15-23, 3:16-19	Paul's Prayers for the Ephesians - Patti
Oct. 27	Craft	Cynthia
Nov. 3	Luke 18:9-14	A Prayer for Mercy - Jody
Nov. 10	Numbers 6:24-26	The Power of Blessing - Susan
Nov. 17	Col. 1:9-12	Paul's Prayer for Enlightenment and Strength - Patti
Nov. 24		Craft
Dec. 1	1 Kings 3:3-14	Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom - Sandy
Dec. 8	Psalms 139	Patti
Dec. 15	Luke 1:26-38	Mary's Prayer - Susan
Dec. 22	Craft	Christmas Week

Help Stock the Tumbleweed Runaway Program Pantry!

The Tumbleweed Program in Billings is seeking food and essentials. Current donation needs include chicken salad kits, breakfast burritos, frozen pizzas, assorted pasta, rice-a-roni, spaghetti and pasta sauces, hot pockets, individual chips and drinks, bottled water, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, stew, canned soup and fruit, sandwich bread, cream cheese, pop-tarts, canned chicken, and macaroni and cheese. Donations may be dropped off Monday–Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to noon at the Tumbleweed Runaway Program, 505 North 24th Street, Billings, MT.

Garage Sale!

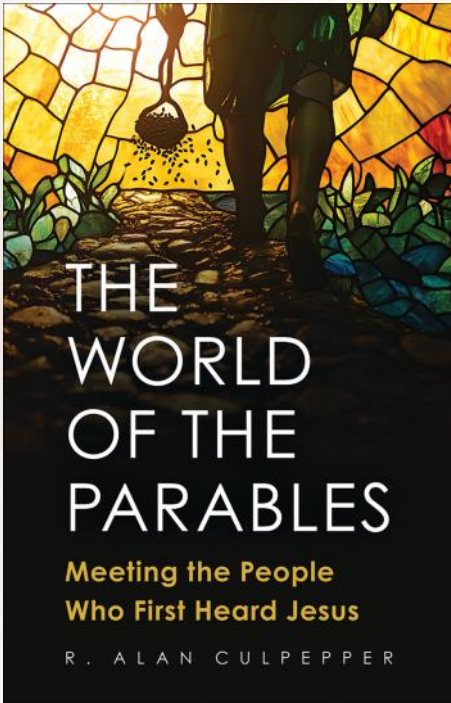
St. Andrew is having a Garage Sale **October 1–3!**

Sandy and Patti are co-chairing this fun fundraiser, and donations of gently used items are welcome now. Items can be placed in the Zimbabwe shed or in the downstairs room with the turquoise sofa. We're also looking for volunteers to help set up tables and price items, work the sales floor, cashier, and clean up afterward on Saturday. We will have a few young men from the Billings West High Football team on hand to help unload, set up and do the heavy lifting for you! If you can get it here, the boys can do the rest! We'll also have a special Plant Corner, so pest-free plants are welcome and will be looking for new homes! Pricing will be determined by the Garage Sale Committee when needed. Have questions or want to volunteer? Please contact Sandy or Patti.

Let's make this a fun, successful event for St. Andrew!

Updates and Announcements continued

Adult Sunday School Fall 2026



The Adult Sunday School class will study the Parables for the fall season. “Drawing on a wide range of archaeological findings and historical sources, R. Alan Culpepper offers a vivid and readable portrait of daily life in Galilee. In clear, nontechnical language, he describes how various groups lived, worked, worshiped, and navigated the pressures and expectations of their environment. Chapters introduce readers to children and parents, women and widows, landowners and tenants, day laborers and debtors, farmers and shepherds, fishermen and merchants, Pharisees and priests, and even describes Jesus himself as a first-century Galilean.”

Our Sunday School classes are moderated by fellow members of the class.

We meet each Sunday at 9:30AM beginning September 20th, 2026.

This year to accommodate our mobility challenged members we will meet in the Garden Room. Whether this is your first bible study or 100th, everyone is welcomed and your interpretations help us view the scriptures in a new light.

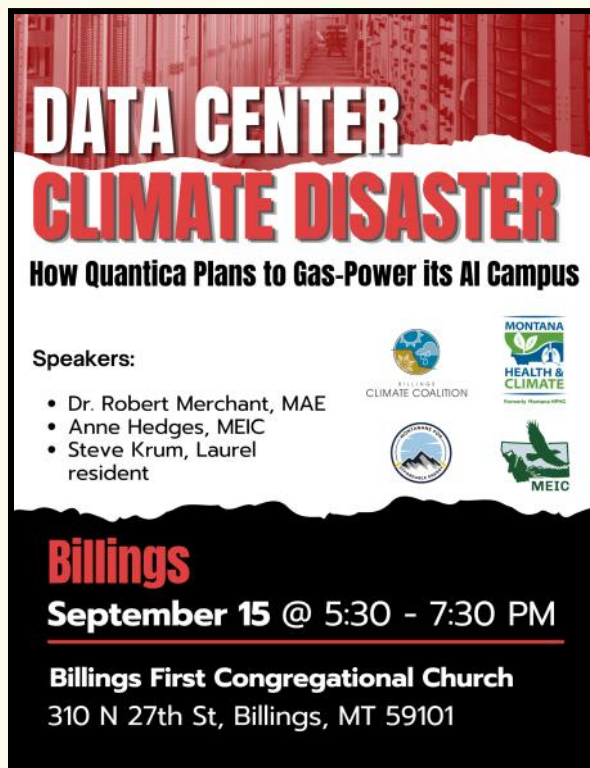
Native Plants Garden has a new display sign

The St. Andrew Native Plants Demonstration Garden is intended to help educate our community about the value of native plants, and we now have on display a sign which helps that education happen!

A community effort began with the fabrication of the sign by Brendan McCann (one of our audio technicians). Using scrap materials (reducing waste), his employer, Zee Creative, donated this to the church. Shirley Dore procured a piece of granite countertop on Facebook Marketplace. And then Duane Kramer, one of our most dedicated Community Gardeners, designed and built the sturdy wooden stand.

Be sure to stop and read the sign as you enter or exit the church parking lot!





Billings Climate Week is Coming!

Three great events are planned for this year's Billings Climate Week, Sept. 13-17, 2026. If you can't attend all three, try to make at least one. They are free and open to the public, and St. Andrew is a major financial supporter of these educational opportunities.

Sunday, Sept 13:

Petro Theater, MSUB 5 pm Reception (Light supper provided), 6 pm Program
"Some Like it Hot--But Not *This* Hot: Goosing the Coming Energy Transition"
Energy geographer Dr. Martin "Mike" Pasqualetti of Arizona State University will explain the hidden "threads of energy" running through our daily lives--from coffee and smartphones to the Colorado River and the American West--with a call to action. Pasqualetti is known as a pioneer in his field, and as a dynamic and witty speaker.

Tuesday, Sept 15:

First Congregational Church 5:30 pm
"Data Center, Climate Disaster: How Quantica Plans to Gas-Power its AI Campus"
Speakers: Dr. Robert Merchant, MD (Billings pulmonologist) of Montana Health and Climate
Anne Hedges of Montana Environmental Information Center
Steve Krum, Laurel resident

Thursday, Sept 15:

Billings Community Foundation, 404 N. 30th St. 6 pm, Light snacks provided
"Yellowstone Forever? How the Yellowstone Ecosystem is Responding to Climate Change"
Presented by Dr. Cathy Whitlock, Regents Professor Emerita of Earth Sciences at MSU, and co-author of the Greater Yellowstone Climate Assessment. All of us love Yellowstone Park, and no one knows more than Cathy Whitlock about this subject!

STUFF I LEARNED AT CHURCH CAMP 2026

By. Jeff Kessler

Cynthia and I spent a bit of time at the Westminster Spires Church Camp earlier this summer. I don't claim to be all that observant but even I've been known to surprise Cynthia from time to time.

Here is a short list of things I noticed.

Young men can consume large quantities of food. After the first helping at dinner time they return for "seconds"; this is when they consume more large quantities of food. This occurs three times per day and does not account for in between, or late night, snacks. When asked towards the end of camp what improvements could be made for the following years, one younger counselor's only response was "bigger bowls".

Elementary, junior high and high school campers look to camp counselors, counselors in training and staff as examples for role models. They quickly form bonds and hopefully, long lasting relationships. Counselors and staff had no difficulty stepping up to the plate to demonstrate by their actions what it means to have, and to nurture, a personal relationship with Christ. Mutual, heartfelt, respect was demonstrated by participants.

There are many "invisible" people affiliated with Westminster Spires Camp. These are people who quietly, often times behind the scenes, contribute to the success of the ministry of the camp. Some of the Invisible Corp were present decades ago and some are present today. We may not remember or know about all of these folks but I'm quite certain you know some of them well.

God is everywhere! He reminds me of this often and whenever I'm at the camp.



Prouty Hall 2026



Camp dishwashing crew!



NOT a baby moose but in fact a very large visitor to camp!



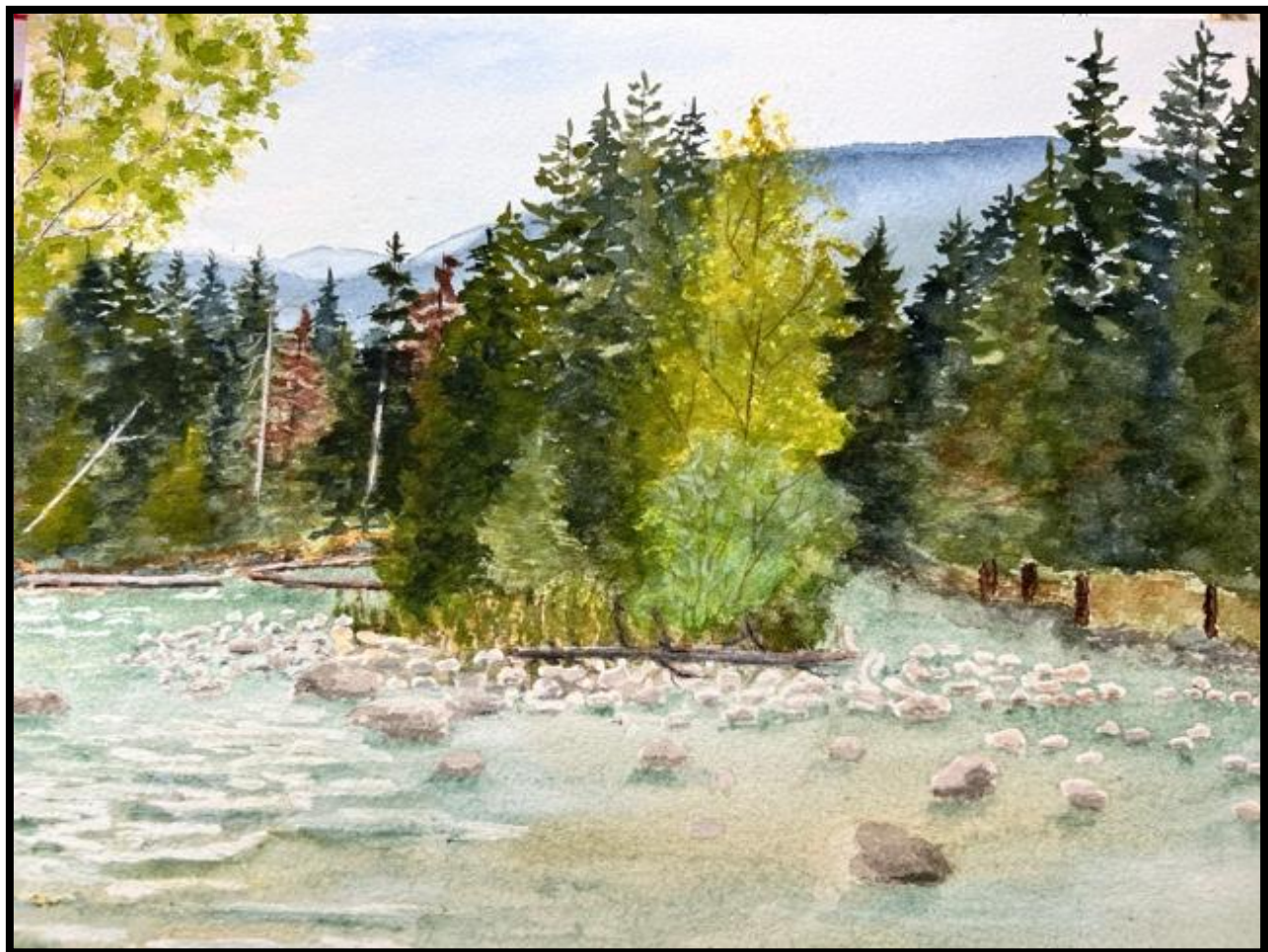
Westminster Spires Fire Circle
2026



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Hand painted art by Cynthia Kessler

View of Rock Creek from the bridge at Westminster Spires Camp