

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 A.M.

Hope in Trying Times

*We do not want, as the newspapers say, a church that will move with the world.
We want a church that will move the world.*

G.K. Chesterton

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence"

RICHARD WARNER

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING OF THE PEACE "...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Come along with me as sojourners in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, for God's creation is not done.

We are called to pioneer a future yet unnamed. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, certainty.

Come along with me as sojourners in faith, secure in the knowledge that we are never alone.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

God of peace and hope, we confess to holding tightly to things we cannot control. We let worry consume us and dictate our actions, and we tell ourselves the lie that you are not enough. Forgive us for our failure to rest in your provision. You always give us exactly what we need, when we need it, and with a measure of grace we don't deserve. May we put our trust in you alone. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hear the good news: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thank be to God! Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Before Thy Throne I Now Appear" JOHANN MICHAEL BACH
*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ,
all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*HYMN 66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

ANTHEM

THE GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11

SERMON

"The Hope That Brings Us Here"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

(Verses 1 and 4)

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“My Soul Now Bless Thy Maker”

JOHANN CHRISTOPH BACH

*Those who are able, please stand.



St. Andrews Endowment Fund Update

In November, the St. Andrews Endowment Committee met to review several grant applications from local nonprofit organizations and projects serving Benzie County and nearby communities. Four were selected for funding in 2022. Here are updates on two of those endeavors by BACN and Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing.

BACN (Benzie Area Christian Neighbors) is a favorite of many in Benzie County. BACN's request was for extra funds to support medical needs of its Neighbors (clients).

In May, BACN was able to help a Neighbor who would otherwise would not have been able to purchase needed dentures. Her lack of dentures was affecting her medical health.

Here is a quote from her lovely thank-you note: *"A Great Big Thank-You! Words cannot express my gratitude for the financial help I received from your agency, and your efforts. Being single and only having Social Security for income, your generous donation toward my dental work is so much appreciated."*

Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing, based in Traverse City, serves 80+ households by providing management services, utility assistance and rental subsidies. The program focuses on the link between safe, affordable housing and good health.

Our endowment gift specifically pays for utilities for clients entering into housing from the streets and shelters. Our funds are being used to pay utilities for three households – one family and two single individuals.

If you would like to be a part of these kinds of ongoing ministries, make a gift of any size to the church and designate it for the St. Andrews Endowment Fund.

St. Andrews Endowment Committee

John Witt, Chair

Barb Aldredge

Rev. Anne Hebert

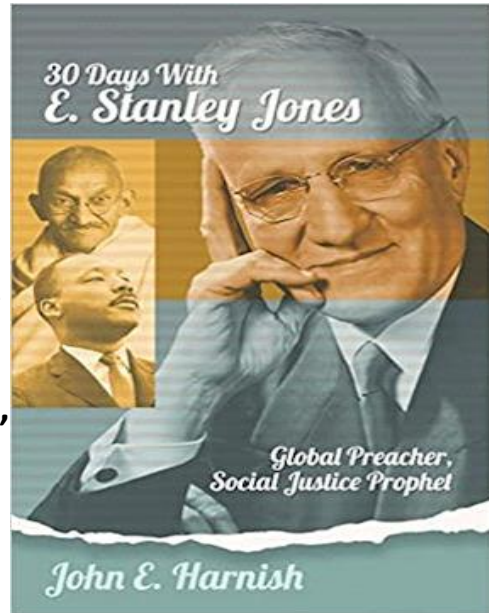
Dennis Keeney

Carol Marsh

Mac Whisner

Save the Date:

**August 16 (Tuesday) at 7:00PM -
Author Interview with
Rev. Dr. Jack Harnish on his book,
*30 Days with E. Stanley Jones***



Words of Love
A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments
Eugenia Anne Gamble

Class is on Thursdays at 10:30am.



August 7: Pit Spitter's game.

Game starts at 5:05. We can carpool from church. They have good food available at the game. If 10 or more of us go tickets will be \$10.00 instead of \$12.00 and they will seat our group together.

Sign-up in Gathering Space or August Newsletter.