

**THANK YOU,
CHRIST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

The Christ United Methodist Church congregation has become a true blessing to the St. Andrews Center. Over the past year, their gifts of time and talents have made a huge impact on our program participants and our building itself. Here are some of the ways they have blessed us:

Equipment: A donation made it possible to purchase a much needed refrigerator for storage of snacks and drinks for the children in our afterschool program.

Transportation: One of the biggest problems in providing afterschool programming and enrichment for children is the issue of transportation—how to get children from school to an activity and then back home again. Generous contributions have made it possible for us to provide supplemental transportation for both our afterschool program for Eastside Elementary students and for the East Ridge HS participants in our Opportunity Club at the downtown YMCA.

Buildings & Grounds: Perhaps the biggest impact the CUMC congregation will have is on the physical space that is St. Andrews. A few weeks ago, Pastor Mark Flynn invited men from area UM churches to meet at St. Andrews for a “walk through,” with the ultimate goal of each church represented deciding to “adopt” a space or project at the SAC. The response has been absolutely amazing! The group who took on the foyer has been busy repainting and reflooring. Another group lined up a local company to fix our roof. Another is planning a complete re-do of an upstairs bathroom. And the list goes on and on. Our heartfelt thanks go to Pastor Mark Flynn and the congregants of Christ United Methodist Church!

REMEMBER St. Andrews Center in your wills and bequests! Here is a sample of the language you would need to include: *I bequeath to the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga ____% or ____ (a set dollar amount) for the use of the St. Andrews Center Fund.* Please contact us if you have any questions.

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CALENDAR

Oct. 10—Seniors of St. Andrews lunch
Oct. 13 & 18—Encore Theatre of Chattanooga presents *The Laramie Project*, 7:30
Oct. 19—*The Laramie Project*, 3:30
Oct. 25—SAC Board Meeting

Our Partners include:

Chattanooga Girls Choir	Heavenly International. Missions
Chattanooga Sports Ministry	Iglesia Monte Sinai
Chattanooga State Comm. College	La Paz de Dios
Chattanooga Theatre Centre	Plaza Comunitaria
Children's Nutrition Program	Sobriedad de Chattanooga
Empowerment Church	St. Andrews Children's Clinic
Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga	Urban Century Institute
Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts	Urban League of Chattanooga
	Holston Methodist Federal Credit Union

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**From the Executive Director,
Rev. Michael L. Feely**

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The beauty of a place

Sometimes it helps to step back a little - and this summer and fall as I have been watering our community garden I've enjoyed the chance to look at our building from the vantage point of the garden. It's a beautiful place, with a classic design and timeless architecture.

We are spending more time these days thinking about the physical aspects of the St. Andrews Center. We certainly have a lot of programming going on inside, and seem to be a place of almost ceaseless activity. We've definitely met our goal of utilizing the facility!

But that same facility needs a lot of work, and we've been blessed to have some ongoing work teams from the United Methodist Men doing some necessary projects in the vestibule (painting and floor work), as well as some painting in other parts of the building. We are also getting some great help in the area of repairing the roof and painting the outside of the dome.

One of the foremost experts in historic preservation visited with us last week and, after spending two hours looking at the building, he strongly recommended that we apply for the National Historic Register. We are beginning that process, as well as working with some local craftsmen who specialize in older buildings to work on fixing our outside mortar and brick issues, as well repairing our stained glass windows.

All of this takes prayer, time, money and lots of labor and volunteers. And we are always in need of each!

But it also takes a vision. A friend came over to see the building this week and we had a good discussion about the repairs needed. And then he said, "the people who designed and built this building wanted to construct a place that was beautiful, that was meant to be a holy place. They didn't just hastily throw up a building - *they had a vision for something that was beautiful.*"

And that's our vision! **We have a building that was designed to have meaning and beauty. And our mission is to help transform and connect our surrounding community in such a way that people will see their neighborhoods as beautiful places (and even learn to see the holy in each other).** That's not just aesthetics, but a real part of transformational community development.

It's worth talking about. As we begin the next 100 years in the St. Andrews building, how are we helping to keep our building a place of beauty and a place of hope? I hope and pray that you'll be part of that conversation.

Michael

**THANK YOU,
NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL**

Led by senior Anna Flynn, a Notre Dame clothing drive has resulted in cash contributions as well as bags and bags of clothing and bedding for our afterschool program and the children and families it serves. **Thank you for your generosity.**



**From the Director of Programs,
Lisa Nichols**

After School programs are up and running!

St. Andrews Center is reaching out in a variety of ways this fall to provide students of all ages with after-school activities. Here are some samples

The Cub Scout Pack at the East Lake United Methodist Church met for the first time on Monday afternoon. We had four Cub Scouts - 2 Tiger Cubs and 2 Webelos. The Pack meets from 3:00-4:15 each Monday afternoon that school is in session, and will concentrate on introducing the boys to scouting and moving up through advancements.

The Opportunity Club met at the Downtown YMCA on Tuesday afternoon with 27 ESOL students from East Ridge High School. It gives the students time and tutors to complete homework, use the computer lab for research, and participate in the Y Achievers program. After scheduled activities, students will be able to use the YMCA facilities, including the pool, gym, racquetball courts, and weights and machines. The Opportunity Club will also be involved in Boy Scouts through the Venture Program. Thanks to the YMCA for welcoming the Opportunity Club to its facilities!

Afterschool at SAC will begin on Monday, October 6th from 3:00-5:00. K-3rd grade students will meet for help with homework, arts and academic achievement, and recreation. We are grateful for the adult and student volunteers who make Afterschool at SAC possible! We will begin Monday-Thursday programming with the Urban League on Monday, October 20th after Hamilton County's Fall Break.

LISA

As always, volunteers are welcome!

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The Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga, St Andrews Center's resident professional theatre company, will present for its inaugural production *THE LARAMIE PROJECT* by Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Project. *THE LARAMIE PROJECT* is a docudrama that attempts to portray how the beating and death of gay university student Matthew Shepard affected an entire community and subsequently, through the media, the world. Directed by Garry Lee Posey. Call 987-5141 for more information.

PERFORMANCES:
Oct. 13, 7:30; Oct. 17, 7:30, Oct. 18, 3:30

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR
Adults—\$10, Students \$8 with ID