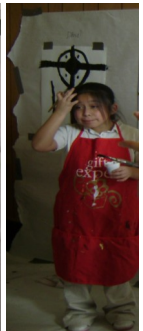




Art class with
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CALENDAR

- April 3 Dedication of Hartnell Farm, 10:00am
- April 7 ETC New Play Tuesday, 7:00pm
Tightrope
- April 9 SAC Board Meeting, noon
- April 9 Last day of Afterschool Program
- April 10 Seniors of St. Andrews lunch, ER Shoneys
- April 18 Volunteer Work day 9:00am

Our Partners include:

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

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A Regional Vision with Local Application

One of our core values is found in our partnerships and collaborations. The St. Andrews Center is richly blessed with both - we partner with all sorts of groups to help bring about expanded mission and outreach to impact our neighborhoods and community, and we collaborate with many folks in an attempt to find common ground in shared experience of community transformation. Visitors to the St. Andrews Center are reminded of this - one can experience worship in several languages, see our community garden, and watch an incredible array of groups and volunteers work together in our afterschool program. Our building houses arts programs that collaborate together, students from all over the globe learning English together, and a marvelous mixture of folks from three counties studying for their GED.

We are in a part of town that has a lot of opportunities for collaboration, and a real hunger for community. So how do you make that happen? How do you build community? You start by getting to know your neighbors, learning about your neighborhoods, and keeping your eyes and ears open to the diversity that surrounds us. And to not be surprised by where you find it happening. I've found a great community of staff and customers each weekend at the Waffle House on 23rd Street, and at Main and Hawthorne/Tienda Jalisco (food always helps build community!) We are surrounded by some great neighborhoods (and neighborhood associations) full of folks who want to work with us to "make a difference" in their neighborhoods.

These local applications have regional impact. Two weeks ago, I signed the documents enabling the St. Andrews Center to begin using the 60 acre Hartnell Farm in Hixson. This beautiful piece of land, owned by the McConnell family, will be used for farming and education and literary pursuits. I'm excited about the discussion and visioning that will result from this new venture of the St. Andrews Center. I believe that it will give us the opportunity on a regional level to influence the dialogue on food, civic engagement and education (especially environmental education for our urban kids and families). There will be new partnerships and collaborations!

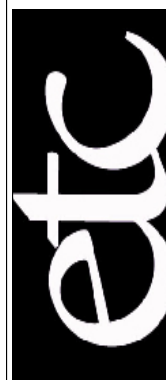
I am grateful for your continued support as we make these new steps along the journey of the St. Andrews Center.

Michael

We have been hard at work preparing the kids for the TCAP exam at East Side Elementary. There is a lot at stake this year with the scores. For the past 4 years our kids have shown gains in both reading and math. We need to continue the tradition and do it again this year!! April 9th will be our last day of the semester. Until then we will have weekly field trips to the Hunter Museum, and painting classes with the talented Jane Newman. The kids are learning a lot about the arts, and having fun in the process!!

Thanks to those who donated pencils, papers, and books for the kids. We are very grateful for your continued support.

**From the Education Director,
Marisol Jimenez**



NEW PLAY TUESDAY—April 7,
TIGHTROPE by Rob Smith.
Tickets: \$4.00, 7:00 pm show

The latest work by playwright Rob Smith will be featured in April's New Play Tuesday. As the adults in 13-year old Keaton's life cope with their own problems (terminal illness, feelings of insecurity, embarrassment), Keaton flees his complex life and retreats to an imaginary circus world, where he copes with and learns from his reality. Says

Producing Artistic Director Garry Lee Posey, "It's this profound use of one's imagination that drew me to this piece. It fits perfectly with our mission of 'engaging the imagination.' It's a truly wonderful piece of theatre."

From the Artistic Director of ETC

Although we have slowed down for a month or so, I want to assure our St Andrews Center family that we are by no means done. Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga has many exciting projects planned and we just need a little time to get them organized. I want to take this time and this space in the newsletter to thank you all for welcoming us with open arms. We are constantly searching for ways that we can add to the cultural growth of this wonderful community, and in specific the St Andrews Center. If there is something specific you would like to see ETC produce, feel free to let me know. We are open to suggestions. One of our future projects includes creating a performance piece based on the history of the residents of historical neighborhoods, like Highland Park. If you have a story you would like to share, again feel free to let us know. Stay tuned for more exciting theatre coming your way from the Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga.

Garry Lee Posey

Mark your calendars! Chattanooga Theatre Centre's Theater Quest youth group will be performing two shows of ***You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown***, on May 22 & 23.

