



AT HOME WITH GOD

October 27, 2020

Dear St. Andrew Partner or Friend,

This coronavirus season has forced us back to basics, in so many ways. We learned to be content with what was on the grocery store shelves. We prioritized key aspects of life: how to do our work, support our kids in school, connect with children, grandchildren and aging loved ones remotely, care for needy neighbors and friends. We sure “got back to basics” this spring as many built raised beds, planted gardens, finally got those chickens they’d been wanting and baked an awful lot of bread! We were focused on our families and our health—creating safe spaces to gather and making choices to protect the most vulnerable among us.

We also got back to basics in our faith life here at St. Andrew. As all our face-to-face programming, camps and community outreach were scaled back, we clung to online worship as a lifeline in an uncertain time. As imperfect as it was, virtual worship sustained us. It affirmed the unconditional love of God for us and reminded us of the fact that we are not alone.

As the stewardship team thought about giving season at St. Andrew this year, the theme of “*Back to Basics: At Home With God*” really felt right. We wanted to focus on what’s most essential to our faith community. We came up with themes for the first three Sundays in November: “Opening our hearts,” “Putting our faith into action” and “Sharing what we have.” These summarize the basics of the faith and how we are responding together to God’s love.

We invite you to watch the St. Andrew Facebook page for videos of St. Andrew partners getting back to basics as they lead and serve in many different ministries. Like so many of you, they have opened their hearts to God and are putting their faith into action as they share their time and gifts with others. If you have an idea for a video clip, contact the church office.

You will receive a giving packet in early November which will include a giving card if you choose to make a pledge or estimate your giving for 2021. We hope you will join with us in “getting back to basics” during this giving season and consider how you support the mission and ministry of St. Andrew on Giving Sunday, November 15th.

In Christ,

Allen Leadbetter, Congregation President

“...how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ...”

—EPHESIANS 3:18