

January 20, 2020 Huntley UMC weekly email

Dear friends,

In Sunday worship at Huntley United Methodist Church we talked about one of Jesus' disciples, Andrew. He was one of Jesus' first disciples, but not one of his better known ones. Andrew is probably best known for being the brother of Simon Peter. In fact, Andrew is only mentioned by name in twelve verses in all the New Testament, but in eight of those he is referred to as Simon Peter's brother.

Andrew was certainly over-shadowed by his brother, Simon Peter. Simon Peter was the rock star; Andrew was just the guy who carried the instruments. Andrew always played second fiddle to his brother. Simon Peter was part of Jesus' inner circle, Andrew was not. Simon Peter was there every time something significant happened in Jesus' ministry. It was Simon Peter who tried to walk on water, and it was Simon Peter on whom Christ bestowed the name "The Rock."

"On this rock," said the Master, "I will build my church."

Andrew may have been present for some of these experiences, but he is rarely mentioned. Andrew had only one gift as far as we know: he introduced people to Jesus. In fact, he introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. After Andrew found the Messiah and became a disciple, the first thing he did was go and find his brother Simon Peter and say to him, "We have found the Messiah." If not for Andrew, we may never have heard of Simon Peter.

Andrew had only one gift as far as we know: he introduced people to Jesus. Andrew brought his brother to Jesus! That would be a fitting epitaph for Andrew's tombstone: "He brought his brother to Jesus." In fact, that wouldn't be a bad epitaph for any of our tombstones: He or she brought her brother, his sister, her friend to Jesus. I hope you have been introduced to Jesus. If not, stop by and let's chat sometime.

The teams for the Super Bowl have been set, and we are in the midst of our annual Souper Bowl of Caring food drive at Huntley United Methodist Church. We are collecting food items for the School Back Pack program at Huntley Project School and Shepherd Schools. We will conclude our drive on Super Bowl Sunday, February 2nd, so bring your food items the next two weeks.

WCI Team will meet on Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Huntley United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd at 1:30 p.m.

Community Blood Drive will be held on Friday, January 31st from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Huntley United Methodist Church. Please call Kathe at 839-5844 or go to the Vitalant website to register to donate. Blood supplies are at a critical low so we need everybody to step up and donate. Consider giving the gift of life. Donate blood!

See you in worship,
Pastor Gary Geiman