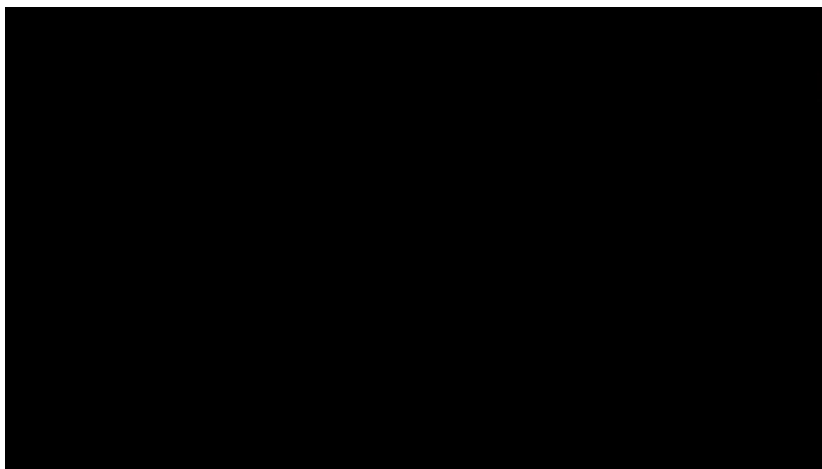




Wonder and Wildflowers

by Dale Fredrickson

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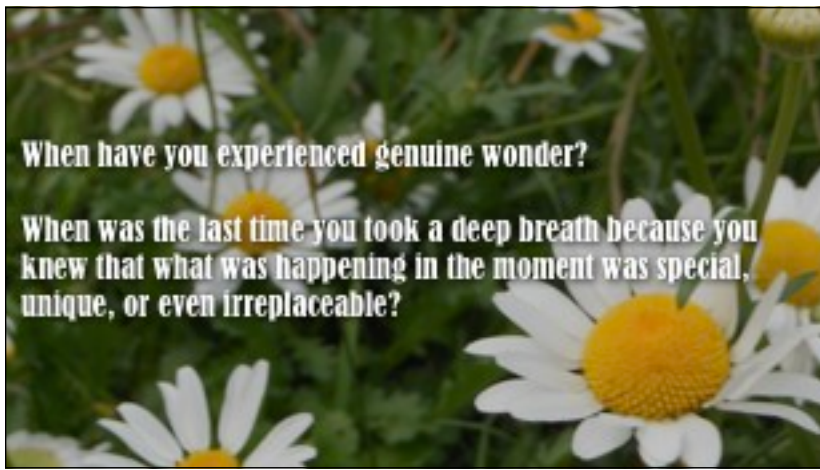


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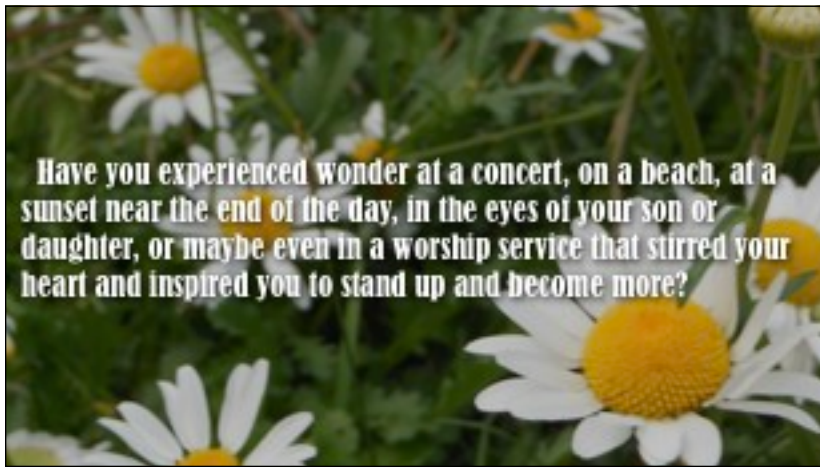
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When have you experienced genuine wonder?

When was the last time you took a deep breath because you knew that what was happening in the moment was special, unique, or even irreplaceable?

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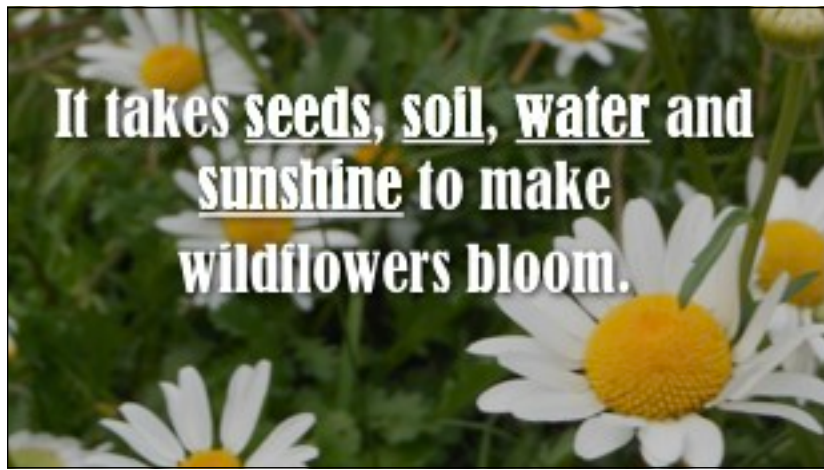


Have you experienced wonder at a concert, on a beach, at a sunset near the end of the day, in the eyes of your son or daughter, or maybe even in a worship service that stirred your heart and inspired you to stand up and become more?

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"GROWING OUR CHURCH INTO GOD'S FUTURE"

October 13, 2011

Doug T. Anderson

"I recommend that an additional worship service geared for younger adults, youth, and children (especially with no significant church connection) be added to St. Andrew. This style of postmodern worship service will continue to be very meaningful to the current congregation that already attends that worship service and too many of those who are unchurched in your ministry area (particularly persons who are unchurched and those under 45 years of age). This service would be held in the Fellowship Hall (previous sanctuary) at 10:30 AM on Sunday with a relaxed style that is inviting and open to everyone, especially those that are younger and unchurched."

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"...Yes, you would have concurrent services at 2 venues at 10:30 AM with 2 preachers – like is common in a very large church). This service is to be truly an EPIC worship service (which means Experiential, Participatory, Image Driven, and Connecting to God through others – as described in Leonard Sweet's book Postmodern Pilgrims.) It would be developed by a worship team, led by the new associate pastor as the primary preacher."

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Psalm 40:5 (Dale's Paraphrase)
You are going to have to multiply,
O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and
your thoughts toward us...



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St. Andrew UMC's Mission Statement –
"To invite, receive, nurture, challenge, and send forth committed
Christian disciples."

My Job has been to grow a team of committed leaders and
create an innovative and pioneering worship experience that
intentionally uses the EPIC model and reaches people who are
unfamiliar or discontent with the Church, i.e. younger and
more diverse people, and inspires them to be committed
Christian Disciples.

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EPIC Model

Experience
(Holistic encounter between head and heart)

Participation
(Active involvement in the Christian Community)

Image-Full
(Art is central to Christian vitality)

Connection with God through
each other

Traditional Model

Cognitive

Performance
(Passively receive)

Image-Less

Connection with God
through the service itself

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The Wildflower Gathering is an experiential encounter with the Christian faith. We begin with a welcoming atmosphere over a homemade meal served buffet style. This is followed by community singing and creative teaching. The evening ends with opportunities for you and your families to interact, create, connect, and change the world. Prepare for creative explosions of inspiration that will challenge and nurture your faith journey. We explore spoken word poems, hymn mash ups, live paintings, random flash mobs and more. Childcare is available after the meal for families if they choose. Be warned - this is a family friendly environment. As kids laugh and play, we can be loud and we don't worry about messes. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

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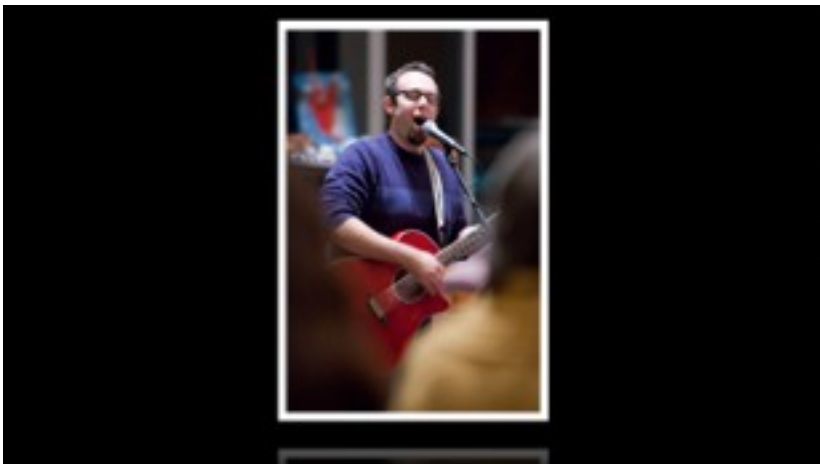
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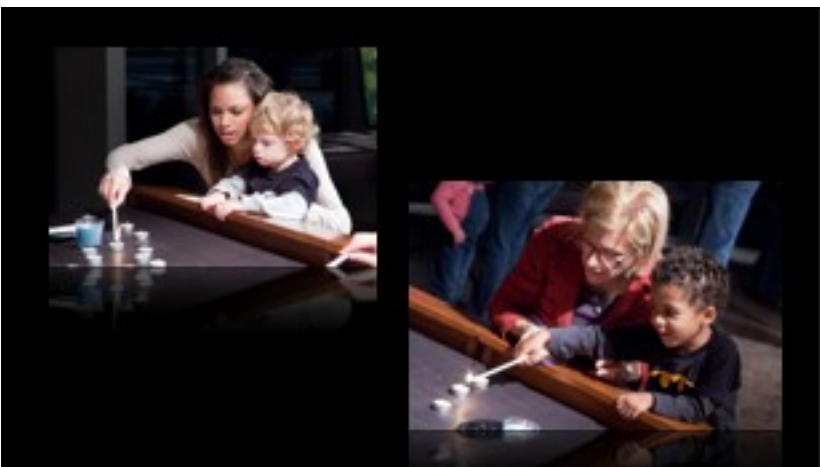


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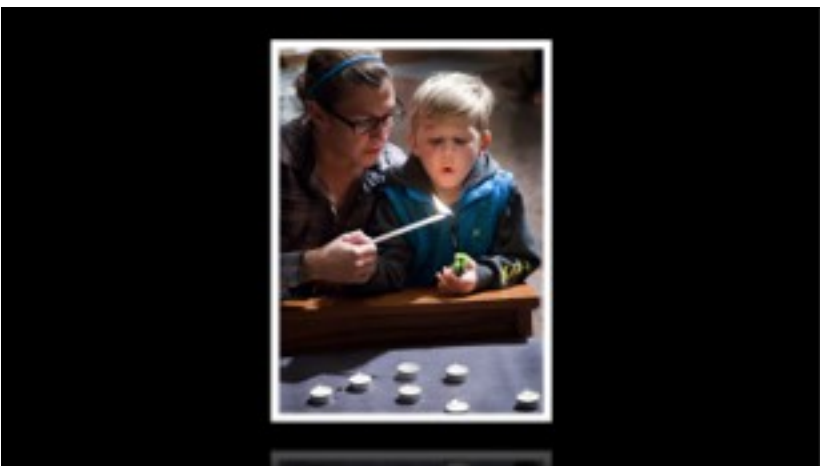
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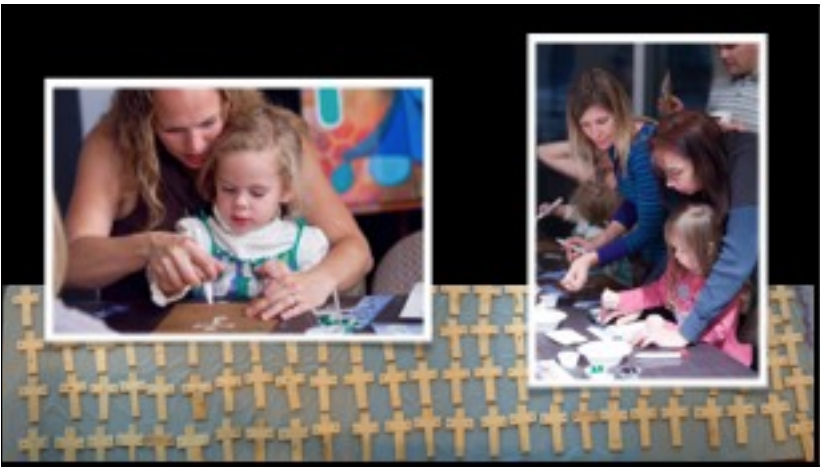
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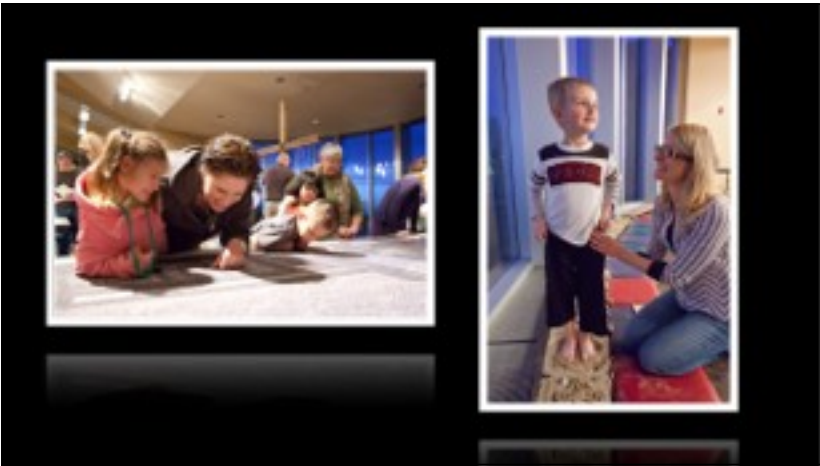
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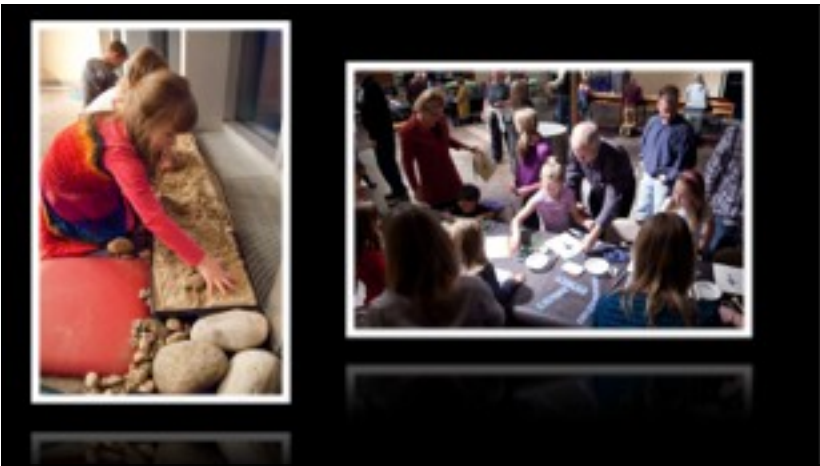
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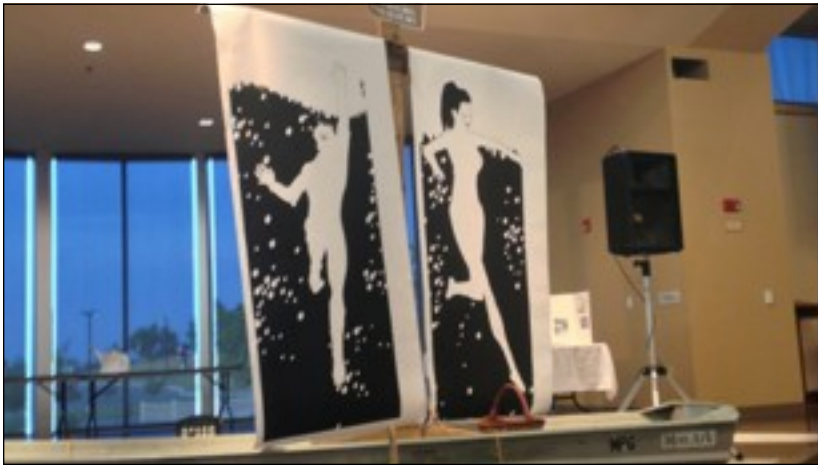
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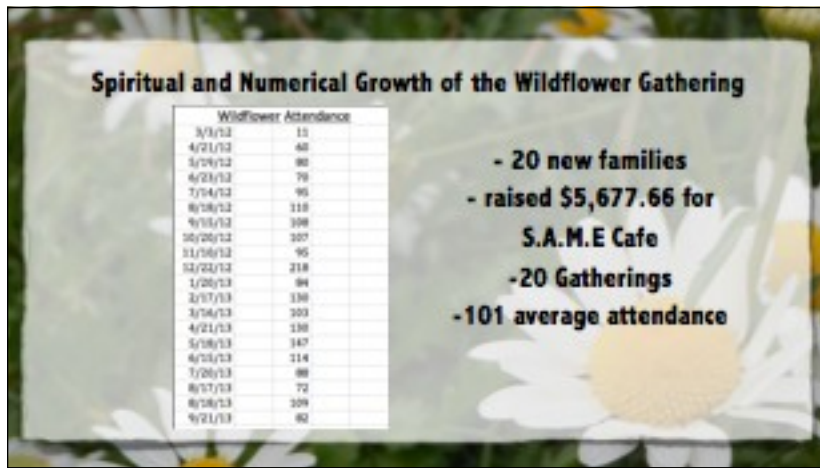
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Wonder and Sunshine

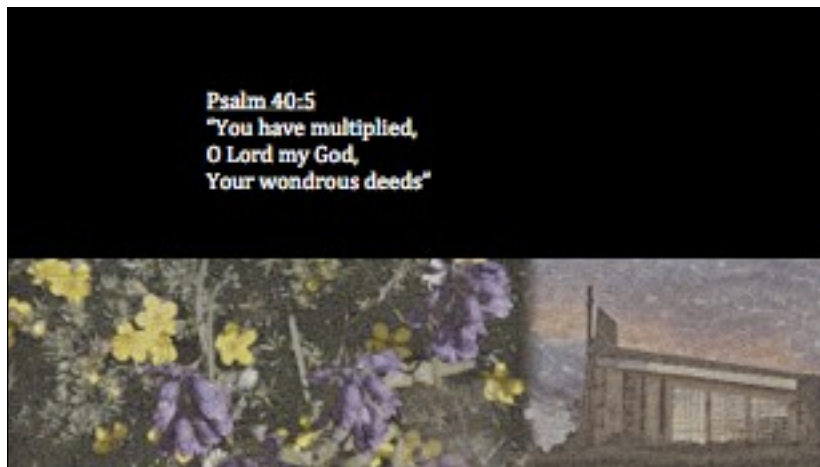


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"If it weren't for Wildflowers, our family would never have found St. Andrew. The "Wildflower Gathering" was there, waiting for us, when we were struggling through an emotionally challenging time. It allowed us to grow with God in a way we never thought possible. Wildflowers respected our questions while leading us to a place of complete acceptance and love. Wildflowers showed us that our greatest dreams of what a relationship with God could be right under our feet; flourishing in the most unlikely of places."

-Erin and Scot Macfarland (Katie and Henry)

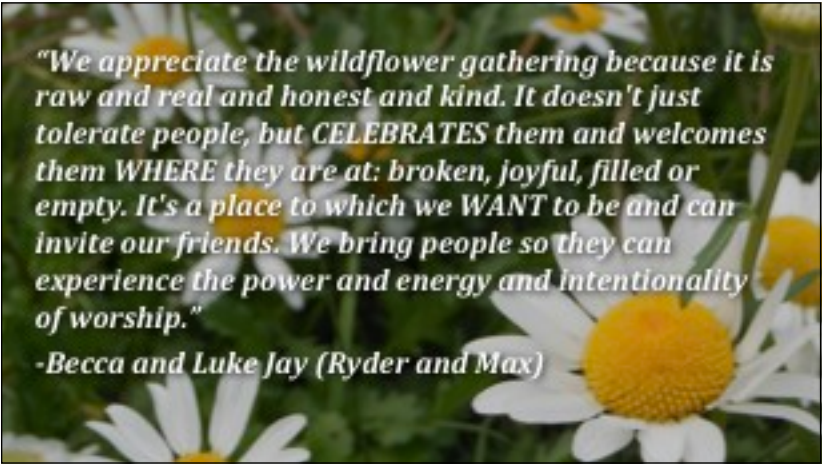
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"Our family has made the "Wildflower Gathering" a part of our regular connection to God. The chance to share a meal with new friends and then have great worship and even greater teaching is a treasure. We also are in our second year hosting international exchange students in High School. We have had 2 from France, and neither were believers. Last year our student said that "The Wildflower Gathering" was the first time in her life to attend a Christmas service. Our French student this year has been really excited to participate in church through "Wildflower."...A further impact on our family has been our 26-year-old son. He is able to play guitar as part of worship, and he is a regular participant in Wildflowers. Saturday night is normally a work night for him, but even his boss noted how creative he was in shifting schedules so he could be free to attend the Wildflower Gathering."

- Ron and Vickie Pipes

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"We appreciate the wildflower gathering because it is raw and real and honest and kind. It doesn't just tolerate people, but CELEBRATES them and welcomes them WHERE they are at: broken, joyful, filled or empty. It's a place to which we WANT to be and can invite our friends. We bring people so they can experience the power and energy and intentionality of worship."

-Becca and Luke Jay (Ryder and Max)

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"The Wildflower Gathering" will go weekly on Sunday Morning 10:30 am in January

1. Our Mission Field: 10:30 a.m. is still the best possible time to invite, receive, nurture, challenge, and send forth committed disciples from the ages of 12 to 45, i.e. Young Families. (And those with an adventurous spirit among us.)

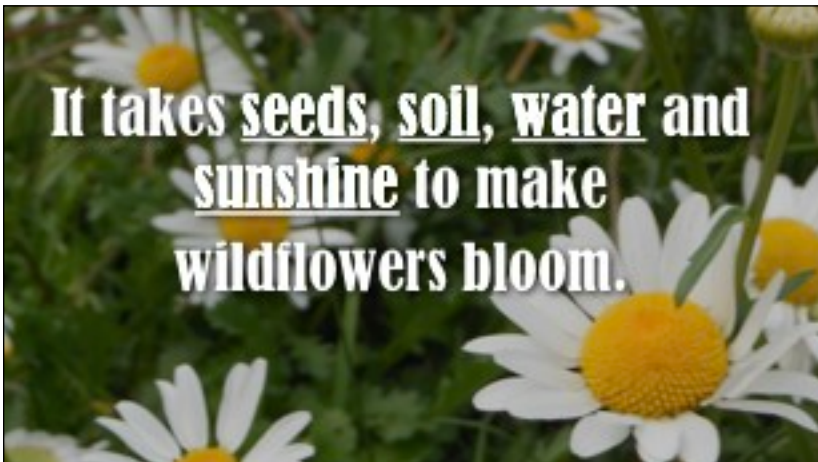
"The Wildflowers Gathering describes for me what we do - coming together as individuals as a community to love and support and grow...We are an amazing collection of folks (some hippies, some hipsters, some very young and hip, some with artificial hips, etc) that are seeking ways to live a fuller life...dare I say 'to bloom like a wildflower' where ever they are." Bill Youmans

2. Allows no separation from the vision/mission of St. Andrew UMC. The EPYC service is not alternative, or located off-campus, or at night. It is a service of St. Andrew UMC that offers a different worship style.

3. Resources of Flourishing Children's ministry and Youth Ministry are already in place.

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**It takes seeds, soil, water and
sunshine to make
wildflowers bloom.**



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• Thank you for your steadfast support of the Mission/Vision of St. Andrew UMC. It is the "Wildflower Gathering" as well as other vibrant ministry areas that your faithful stewardship dollars have invested into.

Here's three practical ways you can help:

- 1. Share positively what we are trying to do in your sphere of influence. Share with your neighbors, your friends, your grandkids and kids. You can go to www.dalefredrickson.com and share our recent teachings and events.
- 2. Pray for the "Wildflower Team" as we prepare for weekly gatherings.
- 3. Give to the "Becoming More" stewardship campaign because your dollars are making a difference in the lives of people.

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