November 2026

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St. Andrew United Methodist Church
"Building Authentic Christian Community, One Relationship At A Time"

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2027 St. Andrew Directory

We are working on the 2027 Directory.
If you have any changes or would like to be added, please fill out the insert **or** email your info to Jeanine at office@saintandrewumc.org **by November 15th.** Thank you!

Cash 4 Causes
Help Raise Money for Our Missions Program!

Don't shop at Giant? That's ok! Consider purchasing cards for friends, loved ones or neighbors. You can purchase the cards from $5 to $500. St Andrew receives 5% of the total purchase over $500.
See Faith Schlegel on the first and second weekend of the month to purchase. Please make checks out to St Andrew UMC and put Cash4Caues in the memo line.
Thank you so much for all your support!





The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on **Sunday, November 1st at 8am** at the Saville Diner.
All the men of the church are welcome to join them!
Contact: John Stauffer.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 3rd at 7pm** in the Library.
Contact: Tracy Donmoyer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will be meeting **on Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm** in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Bob Schlegel

Kids Quest will be meeting **on Sunday, November 8th at 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall.
All kids ages 4-10 are welcome!
Volunteers Needed!
Contact: Donna Werkheiser.

Kids Quest



The Christian Companion's Women's Bible Study will begin a new series ***on Nov. 6th at 7 pm*** *in the St. Andrew Fellowship Hall. Our study is based on* ***"The Women of the Bible Speak."*** *In response to the study, we will be engaging our hearts and hands in a reflective, semi guided art journaling activity that will help us express our prayers, worship, and connection to God in a different way.* ***No experience is needed!*** *If you can hold a pencil, you can do this. We will be using common supplies and a journal is provided. All women are welcome! Please reach out to Linda Clancy for additional information or to let us know you'll attend, so that we can ensure we have sufficient supplies.*

The St. Andrew Women (SAW)
will be meeting on
Wednesday, November 11th at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall
All women of the church are welcome
to join them for fellowship & fun!

Please remember to save your Redner's tapes for us. Remember, do not cut them; we need the whole tape.
Thank you all for saving them!!!

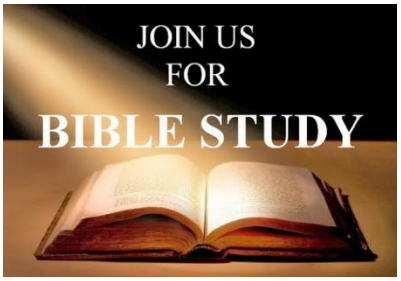


Praise Team

The Praise Band will practice
every Wednesday
(except when the Church Council meets)
from 7:15-8:30pm in the Sanctuary.
Contact Person: Kelly Werkheiser.

Church family, we thank you for participating in the "Blessing Service" for the items we have crocheted and knitted for those in need, ill, or grieving. Your support encourages us to continue in this ministry.
Next Meeting: Thursday November 19th at 12pm
because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. All are welcome to meet us in the church library at noon.
We will NOT be meeting in December.





Bible Study will be meeting on
Tuesday, November 24th at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is welcome!
Contact: Cathy Webb.

The Monday Group

This group is in keeping with St. Andrew Women's objective; to serve others.
They meet on Mondays from about 9AM to 12PM. Except for the last Monday of the month when they go out to breakfast first.
These times are very flexible. Ladies come when they can and leave when they must. If you'd like, come and join us. We'd be pleased to have you be a part of our group. Please contact Edie Scherer, 610.754.7793 if you have any questions.

Next Breakfast: Monday, November 30th at the Americana Diner



Free Thanksgiving Community Meal

Please join us for a special time of giving thanks with good food, friends and fellowship on

Saturday, November 21st at 12PM in our Fellowship Hall.

We will need many helpers on that day to help in cooking, serving, take-out and clean up.
We will also need donations of turkeys (frozen or cooked) as well as cash donations in order to purchase everything needed to make the meal complete. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or made on-line with the designation "community meal".
A separate sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center for you to sign up and volunteer.
Please see Linda Clancy, Faith Schlegel or Becky Rhoads with questions.
Please come out and mingle with the community, help with the meal or both!
Thank you!



November 2026 Liturgist Schedule

Date	**9:45am**
November 1st	Linda Clancy
November 8th	Rose Marie Bireley
November 15th	Faith Schlegel
November 22nd	Henry Ziegler
November 29th	Kelly Werkheiser

November 2026 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	**Computer**	**Soundboard**
November 1st	Pat Kerr	LeRoy Moser
November 8th	Sarah Conroy	John Stauffer
November 15th	Bob Schlegel	Jen Ewing
November 22nd	Pat Kerr	John Stauffer
November 29th	Sarah Conroy	LeRoy Moser

November 2026 Offering Count Schedule

Date	**9:45am**
November 1st	Tracy Donmoyer and Tim Clancy
November 8th	LeRoy Moser and John Stauffer
November 15th	Rob Thomas and Tracy Donmoyer
November 22nd	LeRoy Moser and Tim Clancy
November 29th	Rob Thomas and John Stauffer

If you are unable to work your scheduled day,
please switch with someone else on the list.
Thank you!

PRAYER list...

Please keep the following members who are unable to attend services in your prayers:

Janice Hull
Greenfield Senior Living
300 Perkiomen Ave.
Room# 109
Schwenksville PA 19473

Connie Redfern
35 N Walnut St.
Room# 125
Boyertown PA 19512

Dennis Kline
Southeastern Veterans Center
1 Veterans Dr.
Spring City PA 19475

Joan Maute
1666 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Betty March
Chestnut Knoll
120 W 5th Street
Room# 305
Boyertown PA 19512

June Stoudt
17 Stacy Dr.
Barto PA 19504

Phyllis Minner
69 Arrowhead Ave.
Boyertown PA 19512

Alan Kerr
Pennsburg Manor
530 Macoby St.
Pennsburg, PA 18073



Our Current Prayer List

Betty March, The World, Christopher Mest, Gladys Shingara, Phyl Minner, Adina Warren, Joan Maute, Andy Moyer, Alan Kerr, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared Jr. and Julia Welsh.

Community Meal Friends: Rose's Family, Melissa 's Family, Tracy, Lori, Pat, Aunt Verna, Barb, Glenn.



Harry Mohr	11/13	Ronald Pelko	11/20
Ashley Egbert	11/16	Becky Rhoads	11/26
Albert Fuchs Jr.	11/18	Collin Deckert	11/30



Robert & Edith Moyer ~ 11/9
Barry & Jayne Schmale ~ 11/10
Harold & Ruth Moyer ~ 11/14
George & Miriam Bartow ~ 11/20
George & Sonia Mastros ~ 11/24
Henry & Joyce Rush ~ 11/28

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary information printed here and you would like it to be, please contact the church office to update your record.



Virginia (Ginny) McKinstry ~ November 27th
Joan Herbst ~ February 20th
Michael Nakonechny ~ June 28th
Annslie Shipley ~ July 7th

Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday, November 1st.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st.





2027 Offering Envelopes
Your new offering envelopes will soon be on a table in the Welcome Center.
If you currently do not have envelopes but would like a box, please let Jeanine know.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE BOXES

In order to save on postage, bring your Christmas cards for the church members in on **December 6th & 13th.** The collection boxes will be divided by alphabet in the Welcome Center as follows: (A-F, G-L, M-R, S-Z).
Please sort cards accordingly.
Please include first & last names on the envelopes since we have several families with the same last name. The cards will be on a table in the Welcome Center to be picked-up on Sunday December 20th.





St Andrew United Methodist Church
Treasurers Report
September 30, 2026

	September 2026	September 2025	Y-T-D 2026
Funds Received *	37,539.89	16,166.00	177,662.24
Bills Paid	16,807.19		157,415.48
Open Bills	9,788.13		9,788.13
Total Bills	26,595.32		167,203.61
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	10,944.57		10,458.63

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	1,190.00	15,359.00
Special Offerings	2,100.00	9,915.00
Memorials	300.00	10,800.00
Sunday School		55.20

* Funds received includes Current offerings, Church plate and other income used to pay budgeted expenses.

Thanksgiving Community Meal

Saturday, November 21st at 12:00PM

At St. Andrew UMC
611 Swamp Creek Road
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Please join us for a special time of giving thanks with good food, friends & fellowship.

Come and bring a friend!

Free meal will be served buffet style inside. No registration required.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM 2026

The Saint Andrew Women will be selling poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas holidays. Please use this form for your orders. Place the completed forms, along with payment, in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" and give it to Mary Ann Stauffer or drop it off to Jeanine in the church office.
Please **DO NOT** put it in the Offering Plate. If paying by check, please write ***"Poinsettias"*** in the memo line.
Note: Checks should be made payable to Saint Andrew Women.

Cost: $12.00 per plant. Last day to order is Sunday, December 6th.

For the "Christmas Tree" to be erected at the front of the church, 22 plants are needed, otherwise they will be arranged around the front of the church.

Note: If you order a plant or plants for use in your home before Christmas, you may pick up your order following the service on Sunday, December 20th.

Plants used to decorate the sanctuary may be picked up following the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24th.

Please Print

Pick up time preferred: _____ Phone #_____

Purchaser's Name: _____

Plant #1 Given by: (If different from purchaser):

_____ Circle: Red – Pink/Marble – White

Please Circle: In Memory or Honor of:

_____

Plant #2 Given by: (If different from purchaser):

_____ Circle: Red – Pink/Marble – White

Please Circle: In Memory or Honor of:

_____

Plant #3 Given by: (If different from purchaser):

_____ Circle: Red – Pink/Marble – White

Please Circle: In Memory or Honor of:

_____

Total Number of Plants: _____ x $12.00 = Total Due $_____

MISSIONS

Mission: Salvation Army

Our mission team is collecting food again for the Salvation Army.
We will collect one non-perishable food item a month to help them throughout the year.
The item for November is Canned Veggies for Thanksgiving.
Please place them in the shopping cart in the Welcome Center.
Each month we will let you know what is next.
Thank You!

Food Item for November 2026

Canned Veggies for Thanksgiving





Mission News

On September 11th people from St. Andrew joined with many others from our local community to help pack meals for the Feed My Starving Children Organization. These meals will be sent to people in need all over the world. Our group was part of a 3-day packing event held in Pottstown at Berean Bible Church. During our session we packed approximately 120,000 meals, which is enough to feed 300 people a meal every day for a year. They kept us busy! Throughout the event over 750,000 meals were packed. This is a yearly event, and we hope to be able to participate again next year. Stay tuned to hear about which countries will receive the meals that we packed!

Dear St. Andrew Church Family,
I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you all for the prayers, cards, phone calls and kind messages during my recovery from surgery. Your support and encouragement mean more than you know.
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for keeping me in your thoughts and helping me through the healing process.
With my deepest gratitude and blessings,
Adina





Dear Church Family,
I wanted to say thank you to everybody who reached out when my Father died. As some are aware, it was a complex relationship and that means complex grief. I really appreciated the cards, texts, outreach and prayers that were offered.
I feel blessed to be a part of the St Andrew Family.
In Christian Love,
Faith

Showing Up for Our Neighbors at Colebrookdale Elementary



On September 22nd, the staff of Colebrookdale Elementary School arrived to find breakfast waiting for them, courtesy of our Mission and Outreach Committee. This is the second year we've provided a breakfast to help kick off the school year, and it's become one of the ways we say, quietly and warmly, "We're glad you're here, and we're with you."

Teachers, aides, office staff, custodians, and cafeteria workers pour so much of themselves into our community's children every day. A breakfast can't repay that, but it can be a reminder that their work is seen and valued by the neighbors around them.

Our relationship with Colebrookdale doesn't end with one morning. Each month, we are continuing to send cards to the staff to encourage them and to let them know that St. Andrew continues to hold them in prayer. It's a small, steady way of being good neighbors, showing up not just once, but again and again.



A heartfelt thank you to our Mission and Outreach Committee and to everyone who helped purchase, deliver, and set up the breakfast. You continue to help St. Andrew live into its vision statement: "Building authentic Christian community, one relationship at a time." helping make St. Andrew a church that loves its community in practical ways.

Want to be part of it? You can join in by praying for the staff and students of Colebrookdale Elementary throughout the year. And you are always welcome to join our Mission and Outreach Committee. Contact Faith Schlegel if you would like more information.

Dear St. Andrew,
We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to your church for your generous donation of breakfast for us. Your thoughtfulness and support mean so much to our staff. We appreciate all of you!
Sincerely,
The Colebrookdale Staff

Dear St. Andrew Friends,
Thank you so much for the lovely staff breakfast you provided. I appreciate your thoughtfulness! We are having a great start to our school year at CES.
Sallie Chesbro
Teacher



We will continue to send cards of encouragement to the Colebrookdale staff throughout the year. Look for the clipboard to come around once a month and please take a few moments to sign. Any questions, see Faith Schlegel.



Guatemala News

The school year is almost over in Guatemala. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support for all of our students. This year we were able to help 24 students in kindergarten through high school. Two of our students will graduate from high school this year and several others will graduate from both elementary and middle school. Thank you for helping each child achieve their dreams and reach his or her potential.

Donations to help the children continue their schooling in 2027 will be collected by November 22nd. The funds will be used to help children without individual sponsors and to cover other costs such as transportation to buy supplies and visit the children. If you would like to sponsor a child, the cost is $150 for students in elementary or middle school. There is also a need for people to write letters to the students.
Please make checks out to St. Andrew UMC with Guatemala in the memo line and place them in the special offering envelopes or give them directly to Becky Rhoads.
Sponsorship money is due by Sunday, November 22nd. Thank you everyone!

Mark Your Calendars Now and Join Us on Our Journey to Bethlehem
A Community Outdoor Nativity Walk at St. Andrew
Sunday, December 20 · 4:00 pm · Free and open to all



The Outdoor Ministry Team at St. Andrew invites you and your neighbors to join us on Sunday, December 20th at 4pm to step into the Christmas story on our outdoor walking path. Just as dusk begins to settle, we'll gather in the front parking lot, and set out together along the path glowing with lights on the Journey to Bethlehem.

Along the way, you'll meet Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, the shepherds, and the innkeeper, each sharing their part of the story. At every stop there's a simple way to take part: a quiet moment, a prayer, a question to carry with you as you walk. The journey ends in our pavilion at the manger.

Afterward, stay and warm up with Christmas carols, hot chocolate, and hot dogs. The walk takes about 30 minutes and is designed for all ages, from little ones to grandparents. Dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes.

Bring a friend, a neighbor, the whole family. In a season that can feel rushed and loud, this is a chance to slow down, walk together, and remember why we wait.

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Questions? Call the church office at 610.367.7043 or email: pastorbarb@saintandrewumc.org

NOVEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SATURDAY
1 Communion 8AM Men's Breakfast 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service  	2 9AM Monday Group	3 7PM Trustees Mtg.	4 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg	5	6 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	7
8 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 3PM Kids Quest	9 9AM Monday Group	10	11 1PM SAW 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice 	12	13	14
15 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service	16 9AM Monday Group	17	18 5:30PM AA Mtg	19 12PM Yarn Spinners	20	21 12PM Free Thanksgiving Community Meal 
22 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service	23 9AM Monday Group	24 1PM Bible Study	25 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	26 	27	28
29 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service	30 9AM Monday Group Breakfast					**NOTES:** Pastor Barb will be off on Nov. 25th.