

JULY 2026

CROSSROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Building Authentic Christian Community, One Relationship At A Time"

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Still Playing- *Lessons from the Playground*

This summer our worship series *Lessons from the Playground* is taking us back to the games we played as kids — and discovering that those games were teaching us something we are still unlearning as adults. Each week opens with a game played right here in the sanctuary, and then we take that game into scripture and see what God has to say about it. What we are finding is that God plays by completely different rules than the ones most of us learned.

On the playgrounds most of us grew up on, somebody always got eliminated. Somebody got left out. Somebody was always last picked, never found, or stuck without a chair. Those rules got into us — and a lot of us are still living by them.

God rewrites them. Every one.

If you were with us on June 28th, you know exactly what we mean. We opened with Candy Land and Psalm 23 — and found out that God goes first, every time, before we even know we need it. But that's not all. We also found out that God doesn't just go ahead and wait on the other side. God walks into the valley with us. Nobody gets left behind. Nobody gets forgotten. Nobody is on their own when they fall behind or wander off the path. Those are not the rules we learned. But they are how God plays.

The series continues every Sunday in July. If you missed June 28th, don't let that stop you. Each week stands on its own, and the welcome is the same every Sunday — complete, unconditional, and with a chair that has your name on it.

We wrap up on August 2nd with worship followed by a picnic and game day. More details to come.

On God's playground, nobody gets left out. Not one person. Not ever.
We hope to see you there — and bring your game night buddies.



Come Out and Play! — August 2nd Church Picnic

The "Lessons from the Playground" series wraps up on August 2, and we're going out with a celebration. After worship, stay and play — because what better way to close out a summer of playground wisdom than an actual afternoon of games?

We're firing up the grill for hotdogs and hamburgers, and we'd love for you to bring a dish to share. A salad, a side, a dessert — whatever you like to bring to a good summer table.

And then: games. Lots of them.

Inside the fellowship hall, we'll have board games and puzzles spread out for anyone who wants to settle in. Outside, we're going big — giant Connect 4, giant Jenga, and more oversized versions of the games you already love. If you have a lawn game, a board game, or a favorite that's been sitting in your closet waiting for the right occasion, bring it. The more, the better.

This is a morning that belongs to everyone — kids, adults, families, folks who come solo. Come ready to linger a little. Come ready to laugh. Come ready to play.

Hotdogs and hamburgers provided. Please bring a dish to share and any games you'd like to add to the mix. A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center — add your name and let us know what you're bringing.

See you on the playground.



Remembering What Holds — An Update on Our Outdoor Prayer Path

Some of you have been walking the prayer path since we opened it during Lent. Others have passed by and wondered what it is. Either way, we wanted to take a moment to share what this little patch of ground is becoming — and what we hope it will be for our community this summer.

The prayer path started with a simple question: what if there were a place, right here at St. Andrew, where anyone could come — any day, any time — to slow down, breathe, and encounter God? Not a program. Not a scheduled event. Just a place. Open to whoever needs it, whenever they need it.

That's still the heart of it. The path is for the person who is carrying something heavy and doesn't know where to put it down. It's for the neighbor who isn't sure they believe anything anymore but needs a quiet moment anyway. It's for the longtime member who just needs five minutes outside with God. It's for all of us — because honestly, most of us are more anxious and weary than we let on.

What's New This Summer

This summer the path is drawing from the Sermon on the Mount — Matthew 5 through 7 — one of the richest collections of Jesus' words we have. What you might not know about the Sermon on the Mount is how much of it is addressed directly to people who are struggling. Anxious people. Grieving people. People who feel overlooked or overwhelmed. Jesus had a lot to say to exactly those people, and this summer we want to put those words right in your path — literally.

Here is a little of what you will find:

As you begin, you will pick up a stone. Solid, steady, unchanged by weather or worry. You will carry it as a reminder that underneath everything shifting in your life, there is something that does not move. *"The Lord is my rock."* (Psalm 18:2)

Along the way you will find signs inviting you to stop and look around — at what is alive and growing, at the birds, at the flowers. To take a breath and remember that the God who tends all of this is tending to you too.

You will find a reminder that you are not forgotten in your grief. That your light matters. That God's arms are open.

At the pavilion you will find a growing mosaic — built piece by piece by everyone who has walked this path. You are invited to add something, and as you do, to think of someone who needs a blessing today.

When you finish, you will return your stone — and leave with this: you are not building on sand. Whatever is battering your life right now, you are standing on rock.

Come Walk With Us

The path is open every day, dawn to dusk, free to anyone. Guide sheets are available at each entrance. You do not need to be a member of St. Andrew. You do not need to have it all together. You just need to show up. Bring a friend. Bring a neighbor. Bring whoever comes to mind when you read these words.

We will keep adding to the path and refreshing it throughout the year. Watch for new signs and new invitations along the way.

The rock holds. Come remember that.

Walk & Pray



The St. Andrew walking group gathers on the front porch on Sunday mornings at 9am, to walk the path and pray, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to join them!

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.

Cash4Causes orders will be collected both July 5th and 12th by Maryann Stauffer and Faith Schlegel will place the order on July 12th.

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, July 5th 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, July 7th at 7pm** in the Library.
Contact: Tracy Donmoyer.

BOARD OF **TRUSTEES**



Kids Quest will **NOT** be meeting in July. They will resume in August.
Contact: Donna Werkheiser.



*Christian Companions Women's Bible Study -
Walking through life with God
and each other.*

*They will ONLY be meeting on
Friday, July 3rd at 7pm
in the Youth Room downstairs.*

*They are studying Season 5 of "The Chosen".
All women are welcome to join them!
Contact Linda Clancy or Donna Werkheiser
with any questions.*

The Church Council will **NOT** be meeting
in July. They will resume in August.
Contact: Bob Schlegel



**Church
Council
Meeting**



The Trustees are looking for people to
help take care of St. Andrew's grounds by
mowing the grass and gardening the
beds. Anyone interested can contact
Tracy Donmoyer or any Trustee.
Thank you!

Free Community Meal

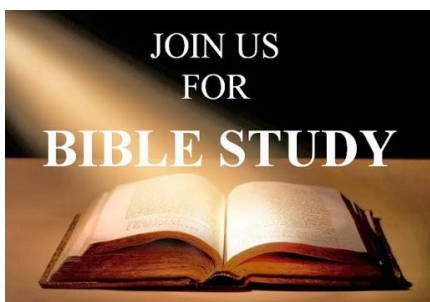
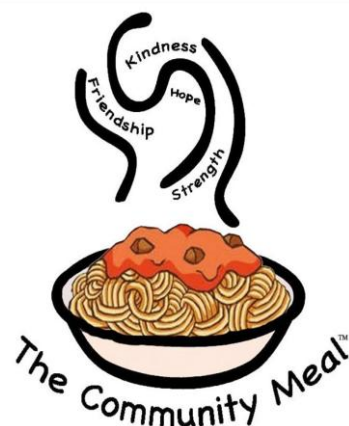
Hello Church Community! The Monthly Community meal is
prepared and served on the 3rd Saturday of the month from
Noon to 1pm. Groups and volunteers are always needed to
sponsor a meal or cook/serve.

If you would like to sponsor a meal or volunteer to help at a
meal, there is a sign-up sheet in the welcome center.

See Faith Schlegel or Becky Rhoads with questions.

Next Meal: July 18th at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come out and mingle, help, or both!



Bible Study will be meeting on
Tuesday, July 28th 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, July 27th
at the Americana Diner**

THE
MONDAY
GROUP



The Praise Band **will NOT** practice
during the summer.

They will resume in September.
Contact Person: Kelly Werkheiser.

The St. Andrew Women (SAW)
will NOT be meeting in
July or August.
They will resume in September.



The Yarn Spinners
will NOT meet in July or August.
They will resume in September.
Have a nice summer!





July 2026 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
July 5 th	Linda Clancy
July 12 th	Rose Marie Bireley
July 19 th	Henry Ziegler
July 26 th	Faith Schlegel

July 2026 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
July 5 th	Pat Kerr	John Stauffer
July 12 th	Pat Kerr	LeRoy Moser
July 19 th	Bob Schlegel	Jen Ewing
July 26 th	Sarah Conroy	John Stauffer

July 2026 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
July 5 th	Tracy Donmoyer and Adina Warren
July 12 th	Rob Thomas and John Stauffer
July 19 th	LeRoy Moser and Adina Warren
July 26 th	Tracy Donmoyer and Tim Clancy

**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 Street
Room# 125
Boyertown PA 19512

Dennis Kline

Southeastern Veterans Center
1 Veterans Dr.
Spring City PA 19475

June Stoudt

17 Stacy Dr.
Barto PA 19504

Joan Maute

1666 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Phyllis Minner

69 Arrowhead Avenue
Boyertown PA 19512



Alan Kerr

Pennsburg Manor
530 Macoby Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Our Current Prayer List

The Schmale's Brother-in-Law Levi, Sylvia Deckert, Harold Moyer, Andy Moyer, Alan Kerr, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared Jr., Phyl Minner, and Julia Welsh.

Community Meal Friends: Glenn, Sarah, Linda, Alma, Shirley, Sandy, Marie, Larry, Cheryl, Anna, Verna, Janice, Peg and Rose.

July Birthdays

<i>Edith Moyer</i>	<i>7/1</i>	<i>Miriam Bartow</i>	<i>7/16</i>
<i>Edie Scherer</i>	<i>7/1</i>	<i>Nancy Webb</i>	<i>7/16</i>
<i>Linda Mohr</i>	<i>7/4</i>	<i>Rob Deckert</i>	<i>7/21</i>
<i>Denise Kuder</i>	<i>7/8</i>	<i>Ronald Moyer</i>	<i>7/22</i>
<i>John Stauffer</i>	<i>7/9</i>	<i>Jennifer Ewing</i>	<i>7/25</i>
<i>Paul Bancroft Sr.</i>	<i>7/10</i>	<i>Donna Werkheiser</i>	<i>7/26</i>
<i>Robert Moyer</i>	<i>7/16</i>	<i>Sandra Bancroft</i>	<i>7/30</i>



Harry & Linda Mohr ~ 7/19 *Pastor Barb & Andy Seekford ~ 7/21*
Rob & Jeanine Deckert ~ 7/21 *Ronald & Doris Pelko ~ 7/24*
James & Debra McGonigle ~ 7/31

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.



— 2026 —

*“Road Trip to the
Residence”*

July 20th July 23rd
from 6:30-8pm.

We hope your children (4yrs-5th grade)
can join us on this
Vacation Bible School journey!!!

Registration forms are on the table in
the Welcome Center.



TREASURER'S REPORT

St Andrew United Methodist Church
Treasurers Report
May 31, 2026

	May 2026	May 2025	Y-T-D 2026
Funds Received *	19,075.00	12,926.00	89,242.71
Bills Paid	11,622.98		86,387.61
Open Bills	7,055.17		7,421.30
Total Bills	18,678.15		93,808.91
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	396.85		-4,566.20

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	1,935.00	8,909.00
Special Offerings		7,615.00
Memorials		300.00
Sunday School		55.20

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

Celebrate America 250: "In the Mood" The Directors Big Band is hosting an America 250 *Dance on Sun July 5th 2-5 PM* at Keystone Fire Co., Boyertown. Purchase your tickets by emailing DirectorsBandBoyertown@gmail.com or at Aunt Nannie's Bake Shop. Food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets: \$10.

AMERICA 250:
"IN THE MOOD"
to Celebrate

OFFICIAL
FREEDOM
★ FEST ★
EVENT

The Director's
BIG BAND
LIVE AT BOYERTOWN FREEDOM FEST

★ SUNDAY ★
JULY 5
★ 2026 ★

🕒 **2:00 – 5:00 PM**
KEYSTONE FIREHOUSE

\$10
★ ADMISSION ★

★ **DANCE, SWING. CELEBRATE AMERICA** ★
Live horns. Classic swing. Timeless energy.

TICKETS IN ADVANCE:
✉ DirectorsBandBoyertown@gmail.com

A KEY EVENT
OF
BOYERTOWN
Freedom
Fest

★ ALL AGES WELCOME ★

MISSIONS

Mission: Salvation Army

Our mission team has decided to collect 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 July is Canned Tuna.

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 July 2026

Canned Tuna





School Supplies for Local Children

We are currently collecting school supplies to be given to children in our local schools. The Salvation Army provides these items and appreciates our donations to help these children in need.

Examples of school supplies being collected are:

- Markers
- Rulers
- Pencil boxes
- Glue sticks
- Pencil sharpeners
- Single subject notebooks
- Crayons
- Backpacks



Usually, local stores have sales prior to school starting and the dollar store is also a good resource. Help a child get a good start to the new school year by having these needed items.

There will be a collection box in the Welcome Center
July 5th through August 9th.

Thank you for your support!

JULY

2026

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SATURDAY
NOTES: Church Council Mtg is cancelled this month. They'll resume in Aug.			1 5:30PM AA Mtg.	2	3 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	4 
5 Communion 8AM Men's Breakfast 9AM Prayer Walk 9:45AM Worship Service	6 9AM Monday Group	7 7PM Trustees Mtg.	8 5:30PM AA Mtg.	9	10	11
12 9AM Prayer Walk 9:45AM Worship Service	13 9AM Monday Group	14	15 5:30PM AA Mtg 11AM Memorial Service for Ginny McKinstry	16	17	18 12PM Community Meal 
19 9AM Prayer Walk 9:45AM Worship Service	20 9AM Monday Group ROAD TRIP	21 V	22 5:30PM AA Mtg.	23 S	24	25 11:30AM – 2:30PM VBS Family Pool Party at Pastor Barb's home
26 9AM Prayer Walk 9:45AM Worship Service	27 9AM Monday Group Breakfast	28 1PM Bible Study	29 5:30PM AA Mtg.	30	31	