

OCTOBER 2026

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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Charge
Conference

Our 2026 Charge Conference will take place
here in our sanctuary on Tuesday, October 13th
at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*At our 2026 Charge Conference, (Oct. 13) St. Andrew will be voting on a proposal for a new, streamlined administrative structure. Rather than having three separate committees—Staff Parish Relations, Finance, and Church Council—we are proposing to combine them into one **Leadership Board**. Below, you will find an overview of the proposed structure, which will be presented for a vote at Charge Conference. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Barb.*

In place of our current multiple formal administrative committee structure, St. Andrew UMC will have one Leadership Board. It will also include the Pastor (no voting privileges). The Leadership Board's purpose is to be "a student of the future." It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church.

The Leadership Board is amenable to and will function as the administrative agency of the charge conference. (§244 -2020-2024 *United Methodist Book of Discipline*). The board will meet as necessary and include the necessary requirements as specified within the *Discipline*:

- Pastor - Parish Relations (§258.2) – Assists the pastor(s) and staff in assessing their gifts, maintaining health holistically and work-life balance, and setting priorities for leadership. The group shall propose staff salary and compensation to the charge conference as well as completing the required SPRC forms for charge conference.
- Finance (§258.4) - Monitors the current financial status of the church as well as the future financial goals of St. Andrew UMC based on reports presented by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer. Prepares a complete budget for the local church.

Membership on the Leadership Board is a 3-year term, renewable one time. Membership shall include persons committed to sharing the love of God in Jesus Christ by using their time, talents, and available financial resources, and will be consistent with the guidelines as suggested in the 2020-2024 *Book of Discipline* (§245.3) "Members of the Leadership Board shall be persons of genuine Christian character who love the church, are morally disciplined, are committed to the mandate of inclusiveness in the life of the church, are loyal to the ethical standards of the United Methodist Church set forth in the Social Principles, and are competent to administer its affairs. It shall include youth and young adult members chosen according to the same standards as adults. All persons with vote shall be members of the local church, except where central conference legislation provides otherwise. The pastor shall be the administrative officer and, as such, shall be an ex-officio member of all conferences, boards, councils, committees, task forces, unless otherwise restricted by the *Discipline*." The Board will act as its own nominating committee, based upon recommendations received from the church members and staff. Recommendations for chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary will come from within the Leadership Board, with the Charge Conference having the final vote as spelled out in the *Book of Discipline*.

Ministry teams that do not require a formal vote to serve on such as Worship and Mission and Outreach will continue to function in their current state.

- The Trustees (they do require a formal vote) will also continue to operate in their current state - (§2533) - Vested with authority and power in matters relating to the real and personal property of the local church including prohibiting the local church from acting in a manner contrary to the purpose of the UMC, the annual conference or the *Book of Discipline*.

The proposed Leadership Board structure reduces the total number of people required on formal administrative committees, freeing our church members to serve on ministry teams and other church activities. With our current worship attendance numbers, it is getting more difficult to find new persons interested in serving on committees, although new persons have expressed interest in participating in various ministry activities. The new structure will also streamline decision making, so that we can accomplish our goals more effectively and make decisions more efficiently.

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.

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, October 4th 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, October 6th at 7pm
in the Library.
Contact: Tracy Donmoyer.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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.

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

Christian Companions
WOMEN'S
Bible Study

*They will be meeting on
Friday, October 2nd & 16th 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.*

Kids Quest will be meeting
on Sunday, October 11th at 3pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
All kids ages 4-10 are welcome!
Volunteers Needed!
Contact: Donna Werkheiser.



The St. Andrew Women (SAW)
will be meeting on
Wednesday, October 14th 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!!!

Free Community Meal

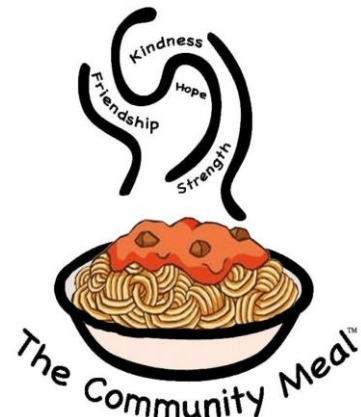
Hello Church Community! The Monthly Community meal
is prepared and served on the 3rd Saturday of the month
from Noon to 1pm. Groups and volunteers are always
needed to sponsor a meal or cook/serve.

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: October 17th at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come out and mingle, help, or both!





The Adult Choir will practice on
Thursday, October 15th & 29th at 7:15pm
in the Choir Room.
Everyone who loves to sing is
welcome to join them!
Contact: Nan Webb

Yarn Spinners

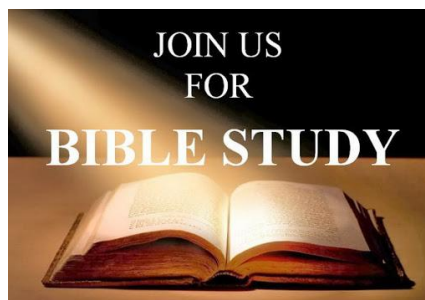
We appreciate all of you who contributed items for our yearly collection of items crocheted and knitted to be given to a variety of organizations we support and also members of St. Andrew.

Those who gave yarn or money also help this ministry to continue.

Our next meeting will take place on (to be decided).
Hope to see you there!



Bible Study will be meeting on
Tuesday, October 27th at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is welcome!
Contact: Cathy Webb.



Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will be meeting
on **Wednesday, October 28th at 7pm**
in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Bob Schlegel

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, October 26th
at the Americana Diner**





October 2026 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
October 4 th	Linda Clancy
October 11 th	Henry Ziegler
October 18 th	Faith Schlegel
October 25 th	Kelly Werkheiser

October 2026 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
October 4 th	Pat Kerr	John Stauffer
October 11 th	Sarah Conroy	LeRoy Moser
October 18 th	Bob Schlegel	Jen Ewing
October 25 th	Pat Kerr	LeRoy Moser

October 2026 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
October 4 th	Rob Thomas and Tim Clancy
October 11 th	LeRoy Moser and John Stauffer
October 18 th	Tracy Donmoyer and Tim Clancy
October 25 th	LeRoy Moser and Rob Thomas

**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

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

Katie Hartline, Betty March, Gail Fisher, Faith Schlegel & Family, For Anger, For Family, 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: Peg & Rose, Barb, Glenn, Larry, Barry, Patsi, Kaylie, Neighbors.



Jed Johnson
Jim Landis

10/3
10/9

David Gomolka
Beth Rosenberger
Catherine Webb

10/11
10/14
10/26



No Wedding Anniversaries in October

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

St Andrew United Methodist Church
Treasurers Report
August 31, 2026

	August 2026	August 2025	Y-T-D 2026
Funds Received *	16,602.64	18,950.00	140,122.35
Bills Paid	18,678.03		140,900.92
Open Bills	8,612.71		8,612.71
Total Bills	27,290.74		149,513.63
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	-10,688.10		-9,391.28

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	1,170.00	14,169.00
Special Offerings	100.00	7,815.00
Memorials	10,100.00	10,500.00
Sunday School	0.00	55.20

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

The poster has an orange background with a white central rectangle. It is decorated with autumn-themed illustrations: pumpkins in the top right and bottom left corners, and clusters of red, orange, and yellow leaves in the top left, bottom right, and along the left side. The text is centered within the white rectangle.

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.

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 October 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 October 2026

Canned Veggies for Thanksgiving





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 during October and November. 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 and place them in the special offering envelopes or give them to Becky Rhoads.

Sponsorship money is due by Sunday, November 22nd. Thank you everyone!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALVATION ARMY TO GIVE OUT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

YOUR DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

- MISSIONS COMMITTEE



To all of you with Green Thumbs;
A BIG Thank You!
So very yummy and healthy of course!!!

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SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SATURDAY
NOTES: The Church Council Mtg has been cancelled this month.				1	2 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	3 10AM Outdoor Ministry Mtg.
4 Communion 8AM Men's Breakfast 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service	5 9AM Monday Group	6 7PM Trustees Mtg.	7 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	8	9	10
11 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 3PM Kids Quest	12 9AM Monday Group 	13 7PM Charge Conference	14 1PM SAW 5:30PM AA Mtg 7:15PM Band Practice	15 7:15PM Choir Practice	16 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	17 12PM Community Meal 
18 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service Yarn Spinners Blessing of the Projects <i>Blessed</i>	19 9AM Monday Group	20	21 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	22 12PM Yarn Spinners	23	24 12PM Memorial Luncheon for Annsie Shipley
25 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 11AM Worship Comm. Mtg.	26 9AM Monday Group Breakfast	27 1PM Bible Study	28 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	29 7:15PM Choir Practice	30	31 