

DECEMBER 2023

CROSSROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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TreasurerDonna Werkheiser



Cash 4 Causes

Help Raise Money for Our Youth Ministries and Missions Programs!

December Cash for Causes – Oh no; it can't be time to start thinking about Christmas already...but it is! You can get everything you need at Giant, with a Cash for Causes card and earn reward points for your Christmas dinner, party trays for those holiday gatherings, cards, gifts & wrapping paper or gas to get you wherever you need to go!? The money we make (5% of each sale) goes to our Youth and Missions programs, so we can keep doing great

things for our youth, our community and the world, through our mission trips & other community programs. Why not join the Cash for Causes program today! Stop by the information table in the narthex or see Phyllis Conroy for details.

The Monday Group

This group is in keeping with Saint 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.

If you'd like to join them, they'd love to have you be a part of the group.

Please contact Edie Scherer at 610.754.7793, if you have any questions.

The Group will not meet for Breakfast in December.



Christian Companions



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

*The Christian Companion Women's Bible Study group will
be meeting on
Friday, December 1st and 15th at 7pm
in the Library.*

*Contact Linda Clancy or Donna Werkheiser with any
questions.*

The Board of Trustees will be
meeting on
Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm
in the Library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



The United Methodist Men
will meet for breakfast on
Sunday, December 3rd at 7:30am
at the Saville Diner.
All the men of the church are welcome to
join them!
Contact: John Stauffer.

The Worship Committee
will be meeting on
Monday, December 11th at 7pm
in the Library.



The Finance Committee will be
meeting on
Monday, December 18th at 7pm
in the Library.



Church Council Meeting

**The Church Council
will be meeting on
Wednesday, December 6th
at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

*St. Andrew Women will meet at the regular meeting time on
December 13th at 1:00 PM
in Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to attend. Join us for our annual Christmas Party. Phoebe the folk singer will be the entertainment. If you plan to join us, please let Rose Marie Bireley know to be sure we have enough food.*

We are again selling Poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. Look for the information in the newsletter.

*Please remember to save your Redner's receipts and use your Rewards card for us to get credit. Please **DO NOT** cut the receipt as Redner's requires the entire receipt. There is a box on the table in the*

Welcome Center for the receipts.

Thanks to all who save the tapes for us.



The Praise Band practices every Wednesday
(except when the Church Council Meets)

from 7:15 – 8:30pm

in the Sanctuary.

Contact Person: Kelly Werkheiser



Free Community Meal

The Monthly Community Meals are held the 3rd Saturday every month from 12-1pm. Volunteers and groups are needed to sponsor, and/or assist in cooking, serving, take out, and clean up.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center to sponsor or help with the meals. If you have any questions, please contact Faith Schlegel or Becky Rhoads.

**The Next Meal will be on
Saturday, December 16th @ 12PM**

Thank you so much to all who helped with the Thanksgiving community meal! The gifts of your time, your service, your presence and your donations helped to make this a special time for all our guests. It wouldn't be possible without YOU. We are so grateful for your support and for all the love and joy you poured out on our community! A special thank you to Linda Clancy for planning and leading the meal!

We hope you will join us again this month for our Christmas meal on December 16th. We will be collecting 2024 calendars to hand out for the meal in January. If you have any that you would like to donate, please give them to Faith Schlegel or Becky Rhoads.

YARN SPINNERS

Will NOT be meeting in December.
They will resume in January.



**The Mission Committee will NOT be
meeting in December.**



Sunday School:

Nursery care is provided at both worship services.

Sunday School for Children meet at 10:30am in the classroom downstairs.

Sunday School for Youth & Young Adults also meet at 10:30am in the Youth Room downstairs.

St. Andrew Youth Group:

The St. Andrew Youth meet on Thursday nights from 7-8:30pm. We have fun conversations, play games, and have a Bible lesson. Students grade 6-12 are welcome. Spread the word to your friends and help our group grow!

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

At the meeting on Thursday, December 21st they will have their Christmas Party!

Have a very Merry Christmas!

There is no youth group on Thursday, December 28th so the youth can enjoy time with their families for the holidays.

They will resume on Thursday, January 4th.

If you have any questions, please see Donna Werkheiser.

PRAYER

list...

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

Donna Baith

1600 Black Rock Rd.
Room# 711
Royersford PA 19468

Virginia McKinstry

PO Box 113
New Berlinville PA 19545

Dennis Kline

Southeastern Veterans Center
1 Veterans Dr.
Spring City PA 19475

June Stoudt

17 Stacy Dr.
Barto PA 19504

Frank & Nancy Renninger

1599 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Joan Maute

1666 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Laverne Maute

Lutheran Community at Telford
12 Lutheran Home Dr.
Telford, PA 18969

Janice Hull

Greenfield Senior Living
300 Perkiomen Ave.
Schwenksville PA 19473

Our Current Prayer List

Maura Moody & Family, Dave & Sam Stauffer, Greg & Colleen Simmons, Ethan Schoenly, Michael Welsh, Ken Hunt, The Schlegel's Daughter Christina & Granddaughter Elaina, Faith Schlegel's Cousin Charlotte's Family, Family & Friends of Richard Rhoads, Siegfried Zimmerman, Alan Kerr, Jeff Reinert, The Schlegel's Family Members Vicky, Vanessa, Christina & Families, Phyl Minner, Laverne & Joan Maute, The Residents & Staff at Frederick Living, Stanley, Michelle & Kirstie Weller, Alex Schollenberger and their son Levi, and Julia Welsh.

Community Meal Friends: Scott, Shirley, Janice & her Uncle Kenneth, Ricky, Dot, Joan, Mary & Richard, Barb & Glen, Arnie, The Homeless, An end to all wars!



TREASURER'S REPORT

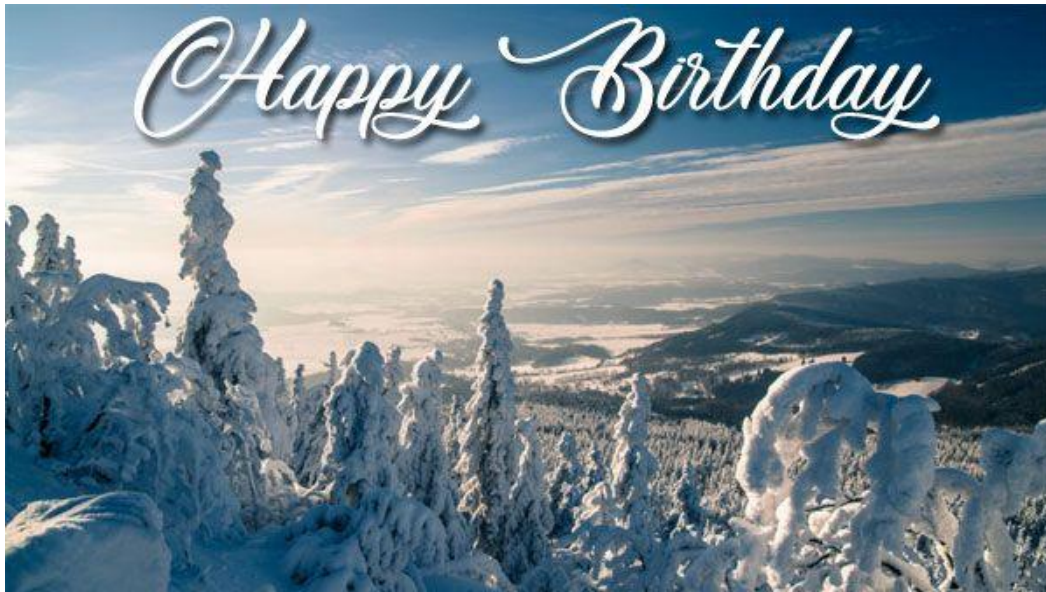
St Andrew United Methodist Church
Treasurers Report
October 31, 2023

	Y-T-D 2023	October 2023	October 2022
Funds Received *	190,028.16	19,865.00	21,994.10
Bills Paid	208,019.55		
Open Bills	18,053.52		
Total Bills	226,073.07		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	-36,044.91		

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses

	Oct-23	2023
Improvements	1,885.00	20,333.00
Special Offerings	2,003.00	8,988.00
Memorials		2,625.00
Sunday School	29.00	153.00

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



<i>Derek Dierolf</i>	<i>12/5</i>	<i>Randy Gresh</i>	<i>12/10</i>
<i>Linda Clancy</i>	<i>12/7</i>	<i>Robin Moyer</i>	<i>12/12</i>
<i>Bonne Riefenstahl</i>	<i>12/7</i>	<i>Dan Purnell</i>	<i>12/19</i>
<i>Morgan Clancy</i>	<i>12/8</i>	<i>Jim Riefenstahl</i>	<i>12/29</i>



<i>Jay & Robin Moyer ~ 12/8</i>	<i>Bill & Delores Evens ~ 12/22</i>
<i>Dave & Tammy Purnell ~12/20</i>	<i>David & Mary Frain ~12/25</i>

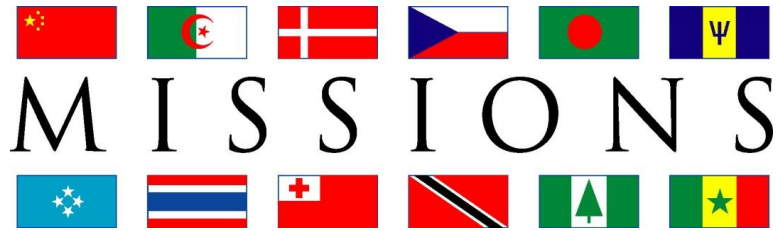
*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary information printed here
and you would like it to be, please contact the church office to update your
record.*

*It's been an absolute
pleasure working with you.
Missing you already
and wishing you
every success...
Farewell!*



Best Wishes to Dave Stauffer as he begins a new chapter in his career!
Congratulations on your new job Dave, we know that you are destined
to do amazing things and will be missed very much here at St. Andrew.
Thank you for the many roles you fulfilled here over the years!
It has been a joy working with you!





Mission: Salvation Army

Canned goods for good! The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who brought in cans or gave money to purchase veggies for the Salvation Army.

We collected 442 cans, that the Salvation Army will be able to share with our neighbors in need; great job!!



Spuds anyone?? The Mission Committee has set a tentative date of **Sunday, February 25th** for our annual Spud Lunch Fundraiser. Put the date on your calendar now, to stay after church and have a spud or two with us. Watch for details and plan to help support the Mission Committee and its programs that reach out to the community and the world.



Salvation Army's Angel Tree: Help bring smiles to children this Christmas by sponsoring a child thru the Angel Tree. Take a tag from the tree in the Welcome Center, bring the unwrapped gifts to the church **by Sunday, December 3rd** and lay them under the tree or you can take them directly to the Salvation Army in Boyertown **by December 6th**.



Pottstown Cluster's Toy Drive: We will also be collecting gifts for Pottstown Cluster. Take a tag from the tree in the Welcome Center, bring the unwrapped gifts to the church and place them in the box underneath the table **by Sunday, December 3rd**.

Thank you!

Boy Scouts Christmas Wreaths

Would you like to sponsor a Christmas wreath for \$10 in honor or memory of someone? These wreaths will be used to decorate our Sanctuary windows through the Christmas holiday. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

Also, the Scouts will be selling their wreaths **between services on December 3rd**. The wreaths will cost \$15 each.

Contact Person: Glenn Miller



"Thank you", these two words seem inadequate for all the caring love, prayers and support that the St. Andrew family has given to us during Richard's extended illness and then his passing.

We appreciate the cards, hugs, a caring pat on the arm and phone calls. God has used you in many ways to provide comfort to us during this difficult time.

The Rhoads' Families

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear, I will help you" Isaiah 41:13

Thank you, St. Andrew congregation, for your many expressions of encouragement and support.

What a privilege it is to be part of this Christian community!

Henry Ziegler



*St. Andrew family,
Our sincere thank you to everyone at St. Andrew for all your prayers, visits and gifts over these last few years. It was a long journey. Knowing you were all there for us and feeling your shared love kept us going. Ladies, Terry and I as well as Nora and Grant so enjoyed opening the daily gifts. Nora and Grant each took turns opening the gifts in Terry's presence. Their excitement and delight was always uplifting.*

Your service to others does not go unnoticed.

With our sincere gratitude,

Pam, Abby & Sarah

Presenting
The Boyertown Alumni
Marching Unit

19th Holiday Concert

Saturday
Dec. 2, 2023
7:00 PM

Free
Admission



Light
Refreshments
following the
concert

Free-Will
Offering for
Boyertown Area
Multi-Service

Morning Star Fellowship, Bechtelsville

100 Limekiln Road

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM 2023

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 3rd.

For the "Christmas Tree" to be erected at the front of the church, 35 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 17th.

Plants used to decorate the sanctuary may be picked up following the last service on Christmas Eve, or after the worship service on Sunday, 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

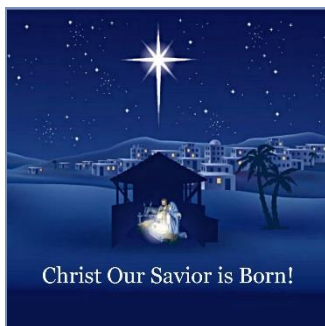
Please Circle: In Memory or Honor of:

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 \$** _____



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Saturday
NOTES:					1 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	2 7PM Boyertown Marching Unit Concert @ MStar Church
3 Communion 7:30AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9AM Celebration Worship & Sunday School 10:30AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	4 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	5 7PM Trustees Mtg.	6 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg.	7 7PM Youth Group 7:15PM Choir Practice	8	9
10 9AM Celebration Worship & Sunday School 10:30AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	11 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Worship Comm. Meeting	12	13 1PM SAW Christmas Party 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	14 7PM Youth Group	15 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	16 12PM Community Meal in the Fellowship Hall! 
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24 9AM Christmas Eve Service 10:30AM Christmas Eve Service 7PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 5:30PM AA Meeting	25 5:30PM AA Mtg. 	26	27 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	28	29	30
31 9AM Celebration Worship & Sunday School 10:30AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting						

