

MARCH 2025

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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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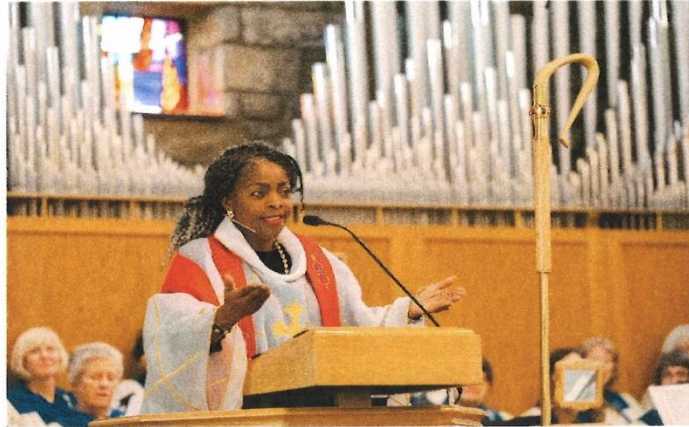
*Treasurer* ..... Donna Werkheiser



# UNITED METHODISTS

OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
& GREATER NEW JERSEY

*“Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time if we do not give up.”*  
**Galatians 6:9 (NRSVue)**



Dear Barbara Seekford: New Berlinville: St. Andrew,

I greet you in the name and with the love of Jesus who is the Christ.

On behalf of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey Annual Conferences, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you and your congregation for your faithful commitment to our shared ministry. By paying 100% of your shared ministry (apportionments), you have demonstrated deep faithfulness to our United Methodist connection and a spirit of generosity that strengthens the work we do together in the name of Christ.

Your giving strengthens vital ministries—supporting clergy pensions and benefits, equipping churches for growth, developing leaders, engaging in mission outreach, and responding to crises. *I also recognize that fulfilling this commitment is not always easy.* Your faithfulness—especially in the face of economic challenges—demonstrates not only financial stewardship but also a deep trust in God’s provision and a commitment to the covenant we share as United Methodists.

As a small token of our appreciation, your church will be recognized and presented with a certificate at your upcoming district conference. However, I did not want to wait to say **thank you**. I also ask that you share my gratitude with your congregation during worship this Sunday. Let them know that their faithfulness is seen, valued, and making an impact beyond their local church.

May God continue to strengthen and guide you in your ministry, and may we continue to serve together as a connectional church, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Peace and blessings,

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
*The United Methodists of*  
Eastern Pennsylvania & Greater New Jersey



In case of inclement weather,  
St. Andrew will follow these guidelines:

**Sunday Mornings**

In the event that we cancel Sunday services, the closing will be posted on our Face Book page [FACEBOOK.COM/BechtelsvilleUMC](https://www.facebook.com/BechtelsvilleUMC), on the local TV station WFMZ (69News), on our website and a mass email will go out to the congregation.

**Weekdays**

If the Boyertown school district is **closed**, then the church office is closed and all activities scheduled for that day and evening are cancelled.

If Boyertown school district has an **early dismissal** due to inclement weather, then all church activities that evening are cancelled.

If Boyertown school district has a **late start**, then all evening church activities will commence as scheduled.

If bad weather begins after school is out, check our Face Book page for updates, or be safe and just stay home!



**Cash 4 Causes**  
**Help Raise Money for Our**  
**Missions Program!**

You can purchase the cards from \$5 to \$500.  
St Andrew receives 5% of the total purchase over  
\$500. See Faith Schlegel the first and second  
Sunday of the month to purchase cards or for more  
information. Please make checks out to St. Andrew  
UMC and put Cash4Causes in the memo line.



The United Methodist Men  
will meet for breakfast on  
**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
in the Library.

**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.

The Worship Committee  
will be meeting on  
**Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
in the Library.





## Yarn Spinners

The next meeting will be on  
**Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 12noon**  
in the church library.

Bring your lunch for this noon meeting.  
Hope to see you there; all are welcome,  
beginners through experienced.

Happy Spring!!!

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

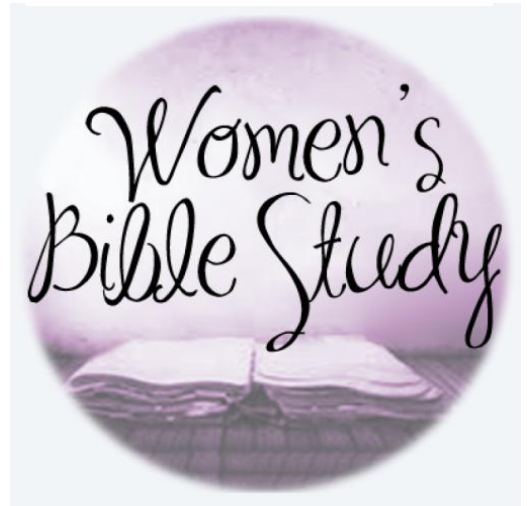
*The Christian Companion Women's Bible Study  
will be meeting on  
Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm  
in the Youth Room downstairs.*

*They are studying  
"The Chosen" - Season 2!*

*All women are welcome to join them on the 1<sup>st</sup> &  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month.*

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

## *Christian Companions*



## **Church Council Meeting**

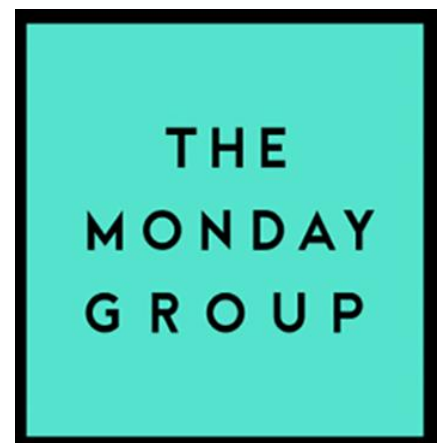
The Church Council  
will be meeting on  
**Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Contact: Bob Schlegel

## **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, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
at the Americana Diner**





Soup & Bread



The St. Andrew Women (SAW)  
will meet on

**Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Join them for fellowship & fun!

All women of the church are invited to attend.

**SAW Fundraiser:** Due to bad weather, the Soup & Bread Fundraiser has been extended for one week.

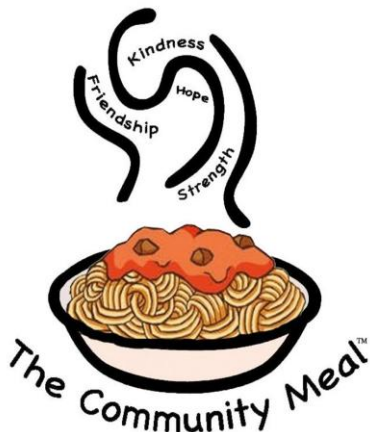
They will be making the ham & bean soup and fresh bread on  
March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-12pm.

**If you are available to help, please stop by!**

**You may pick up your orders on**

**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> between 10-11:30am.**

Please remember to save your Redner's tapes and put them in the box in the Welcome Center. Thank you for saving!



### Free Community Meal

Hello Church Community! The Monthly Community meal is prepared and served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**The next Meal will be on**

**Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon.**

Volunteers are needed and always welcome!

For children ages 4-10.

Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month for Bible stories, crafts, games and lots of fun!

The fun will continue on

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> between 3-4:30pm.**

Contact: Donna Werkheiser



**Finance  
Committee**

The Finance Committee will be meeting on  
**Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Library.**

Contact: Rob Thomas



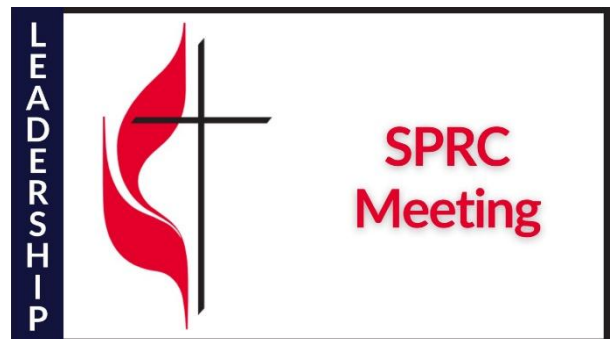
**The Mission Committee will be meeting on  
Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Library.  
Contact: Faith Schlegel**

Join us for Bible Study on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month.  
**Next Study: Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Contact: Cathy Webb



The Adult Choir will be practicing on  
Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
in the Choir Room.  
Anyone who loves to sing is welcome  
to join them!  
Contact: Nan Webb

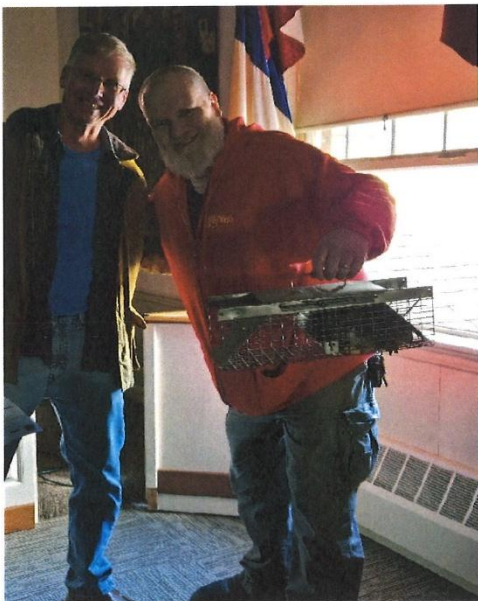
SPRC will be meeting on  
**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**  
in the Library.  
Contact: LeRoy Moser.



**Spring Forward!**  
Don't forget to set your  
clocks ahead 1 hour  
before bed on  
Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

## Visitor stuck in sanctuary!

Say hello to our visitor coming in from the cold. Turns out there were actually 2 squirrels in the sanctuary. Tracy and Bob came in and saved the day!! Thanks also to John for covering up the hole where they originally came in.





## Thank You



*I would like to thank you very much for the cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy. Your support at this difficult time was very much appreciated and a great comfort to me.*

*Dear St. Andrew Family, The Monday Morning Group and St. Andrew Women, Your many prayers, beautiful cards, messages, calls, and words have been very comforting to me during my brother Bill's struggles with cancer and after his passing. Thank you so very much! I feel truly blessed for the care and kindness you have extended to me in many ways during a difficult time.*  
*Love, Mary Ann Stauffer*

*Dear St. Andrew Family,  
Thank you all so much for your prayers! And for the cards, phone calls and visits!  
The constant contact means so much to me while I am in the house and don't get out much.  
With Love,  
Phyl Minner*



*Dear St. Andrew Church Family,  
Thank you all for the many cards and text messages while I was recovering.  
I feel very blessed!  
Love  
Delores Evens*

*Thank you for the cards, prayers and communication before and after my surgery. Your words of encouragement were very helpful. It will take 6-8 months until my neck is healed. I guess this is a lesson in patience.  
God's blessings to all of you!  
Diana*





### March 2025 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Faith Schlegel
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy Webb
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Rose Marie Birely
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Henry Ziegler
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Clancy

### March 2025 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Kerr	LeRoy Moser
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Conroy	John Stauffer
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Schlegel	Jen Ewing
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Andy Moyer	John Stauffer
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Conroy	LeRoy Moser

### March 2025 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> Tracy Donmoyer and John Stauffer
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> Rob Thomas and Beth Rosenberger
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> LeRoy Moser and Tim Clancy
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> Tracy Donmoyer and Adina Warren
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> 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:**

**Marian Meitzler**

451 Township Line Road  
Bechtelsville PA 19505

**Janice Hull**

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

**Dennis Kline**

Southeastern Veterans Center  
1 Veterans Dr.  
Spring City PA 19475

**June Stoudt**

17 Stacy Dr.  
Barto PA 19504

**Nancy Renninger**

1599 County Line Rd.  
Bechtelsville PA 19505

**Joan Maute**

1666 County Line Rd.  
Bechtelsville PA 19505

**Virginia McKinstry**

Chestnut Knoll  
120 West 5th Street  
Room 201  
Boyertown, PA 19512

**Connie Redfern**

Walnut Woods  
35 N Walnut Street  
Room# 125  
Boyertown, PA 19512

## **Our Current Prayer List**

Jayne Schmale, Family of Candy Allen, Diana Musselman, Haleigh Haver, Patty Retzlaff, Delores Evens, Greg Herbst, Beberlin from Guatemala and her Family, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared Jr., James Kraemer, Phyl Minner,



*Nancy Renninger* 3/3  
*Faith Schlegel* 3/7  
*Connie Redfern* 3/8  
*Sonia Mastros* 3/9

*Nick Miller* 3/22  
*George Mastros* 3/23  
*Mary Rhoads* 3/24  
*Penny Reinert* 3/27



*Jim & Dorothea Landis ~ March 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*John & Mary Ann Stauffer ~ March 24<sup>th</sup>*

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.

## EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM

Place the completed form on the other side of the folder.

**Checks must be made out to St. Andrew Women.**

Please place the payment in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and hand it to Mary Ann Stauffer.

**The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary during the Easter Sunday worship services.  
You may pick up your plants after the 9:45 Worship Service on Easter Sunday.**

**Purchaser's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANT #1** (Circle one)   Lilies                  Daffodils                  Tulips

Given by (if different from purchaser) \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANT #2** (Circle one)   Lilies                  Daffodils                  Tulips

Given by (if different from purchaser) \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLANT #3** (Circle one)   Lilies                  Daffodils                  Tulips

Given by (if different from purchaser) \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lilies**                                  **Quantity** \_\_\_\_\_ **at \$11.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daffodils**                              **Quantity** \_\_\_\_\_ **at \$11.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tulips**                                    **Quantity** \_\_\_\_\_ **at \$11.00 =** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of Plants** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a fundraiser for St. Andrew Women and your support is appreciated.*

**All orders must be received by Sunday, April 6, 2025**

Due to those who suffer from allergies, we will not be selling Hyacinths.

Warm Winter Greetings, 🔥 Aglow Friends,

Make plans to come to Aglow Community Lighthouse in Pottstown on

**Saturday, March 1**

**TriCounty Active Adult Center, 288 Moser Rd., Pottstown, PA 19464.**

Our special speaker is Jane Buscemi



**of Blazing Glory Family, Bethlehem, PA**

**As we cooperate with the Holy Trinity,**

**we co-operate with the Godhead**

**and become one. John 15**

Looking forward to being with you on **March 1,**

Your Aglow Team,

Jae, Pamela, Steve, Joel, Betty

Aglow Community Lighthouse Pottstown



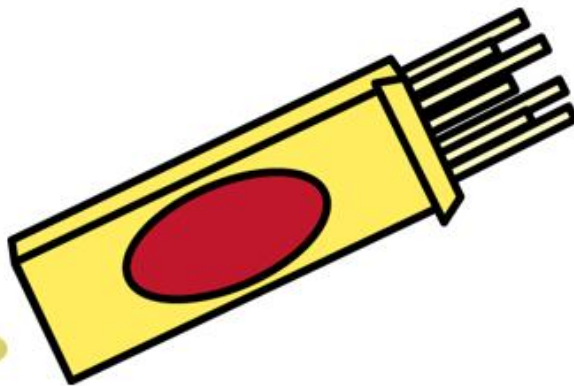
## **Mission: Salvation Army**

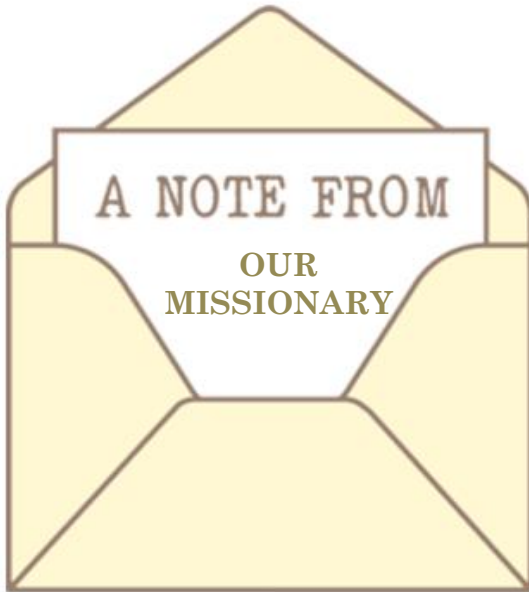
Our mission team has resumed collecting food for the Salvation Army. We have added a request for shelf stable milk or powdered milk where appropriate. We will collect one non-perishable food item a month to help them throughout the year.

The item for March is Pasta or any Dry Noodles.  
Please place them on the table in the Welcome Center.  
Each month we will let you know what is next.  
Thank You!

## **Food Item for March 2025**

### **Pasta or any Dry Noodles**





Love of God in action  
Greetings in Jesus' name, I am Patrick ABRO, Global Ministries missionary, serving as manager of health operations with Burundi's UMC. I would like invite you to support me in the mission. Your support for God's work in Burundi will transform the lives of many communities and individuals, especially, pregnant women and children under the age of 5. By giving them access to health facilities, access to clean water through boreholes, latrines and combating diseases such as malaria, children and maternal health, HIV/Aids and Cholera. You will save their lives. God bless you and thank you!



Shalom Dears; ALL of Saint Andrew UMC,

I wish you a happy and holy year 2025, may God make his face shine upon you and bless you and your family in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Remembering all your prayers and gifts throughout the year 2024 and at the beginning of 2025, as part of the Lord's mission in Burundi, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for your active part in the Lord's work of transforming lives and winning souls for the kingdom of God.

Please take a look at the attached photo of the access to clean water, see the joy it has brought to these children and imagine the relief and happiness of an entire community.

Yes, you are missionaries of the Lord committed to the salvation of the world.

While thanking you, allow me to encourage you to continue praying and supporting the work, for the task is immense, given the suffering of the poorest country in the world, Burundi.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND MAY HIS PEACE BE WITH YOU**

Global Ministries missionary Patrick ABRO  
Health operations manager  
Burundi UMC

[pabro@umcmision.org](mailto:pabro@umcmision.org)

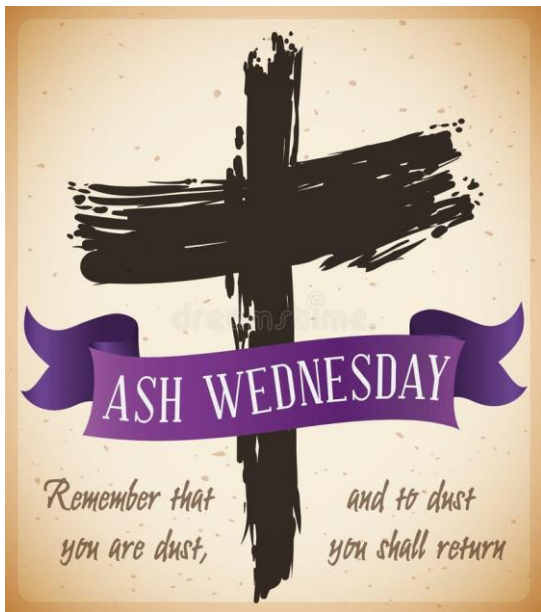
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## Lenten Collection for our Missionary Patrick Abro

We will begin our yearly Lenten Project starting on March 5<sup>th</sup> through Easter. Suggested giving of \$20.00 (50 cents for each day of Lent) or more if you are able. Any amount is welcome! Our donations will help in providing fresh water, health care and education. As the previous years, please consider giving any donation to help in providing these services. Our opportunity to help support Patrick Abro takes place during the Lenten season. Patrick is our missionary in Burundi Africa, serving in community health and outreach. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world.

Keep him and his family in prayer as they answer this call to ministry.

Please read Patrick's latest letter (above) to us.

Thank you all for giving!!!

St. Andrew UMC will have an Ash Wednesday  
Worship service  
on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Sanctuary.  
Everyone is Welcome to attend!



**Palm Sunday:** April 13<sup>th</sup> We will have our regular Worship Service at 9:45AM.

**Holy Thursday:** April 17<sup>th</sup> We will start with a Pot-Luck Dinner at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. Followed by Communion and the story of Peter and Jesus in the Upper Room.

**Good Friday:** April 18<sup>th</sup> There is a community service at Trinity Church (250 Swinehart Rd.) in Boyertown at 12PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Easter Sunday:** April 20<sup>th</sup> We will begin with an Easter Breakfast at 8:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Followed by our Easter Worship Service at 9:45AM.

**Everyone is welcome to attend all services!**



# MARCH 2025



Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Saturday
<b>NOTES:</b>						1
<b>2</b> Communion 8AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	<b>4</b> 7PM Trustees Mtg.	<b>5</b> 6PM Choir Practice 7PM Ash Wednesday Service  ASH WEDNESDAY	<b>6</b> 9:30AM-12PM SAW making soup & bread	<b>7</b> 9:30AM-12PM SAW making soup & bread 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 10-11:30AM Pick-Up SAW Soup & Bread Orders
<b>9</b> 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 3PM Kids Quest 5:30PM AA Meeting 	<b>10</b> 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Worship Mtg.	<b>11</b> 6:30PM SPRC Mtg,	<b>12</b> 1PM SAW 5:30PM AA Mtg 7PM Mission Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12PM Community Meal 
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<b>23</b> 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	<b>24</b> 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	<b>25</b> 1PM Bible Study	<b>26</b> 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg.	<b>27</b> 12PM Yarn Spinners	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30AM Memorial Service for Arlene Robertson
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