

FEBRUARY 2026

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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“Building Authentic Christian Community, One Relationship At A Time”

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Church Staff

<i>Pastor</i>	Pastor Barb Seekford <i>PastorBarb@saintandrewumc.org</i> Pastor Barb's Cell# 610-310-8349
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Jeanine Deckert <i>Office@saintandrewUMC.org</i>
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Kelly Werkheiser
<i>Adult Choir Director</i>	Nancy Webb
<i>Treasurer</i>	Donna Werkheiser



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!

Continues on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month. St Andrew receives 5% of gift card sales, but you still get the amount you order. If you shop at Giant or buy gas at Giant please consider ordering a gift card. If you already support this Mission, thank you for your support.



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

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

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 Adult Choir will be practicing on **Thursday, February 5th and 19th from 7:15 – 8:30pm** in the Choir Room.

Anyone who loves to sing is welcome to join them!
Contact: Nan Webb



Christian Companions



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

*The Christian Companion Women's Bible Study
will only be meeting on
Friday, February 20th at 7pm
in the Youth Room downstairs.*

*They are studying
"The Chosen" - Season 4!*

*All women are welcome to join them!
Contact Linda Clancy or Donna Werkheiser with
any questions.*

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



The St. Andrew Women (SAW)
will be meeting on
Wednesday, February 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.
Remember, do not cut them; we need the
whole tape.**

Free Community Meal

Hello Church Community! The Monthly Community Meal is prepared and served on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 12 -1pm. Groups and volunteers are needed to sponsor a meal; to prep, serve, and clean up.

Next Meal: February 21st at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Helpers are always welcome, or come enjoy the meal!

Contact Becky Rhoads, or Faith Schlegel with questions.

Thank you!



Yarn Spinners

Winter weather makes us think of fireplaces, cozy blankets and, hopefully, keeping our crochet hooks and knitting needles busy.

Our next meeting will take place on **February 26th** at noon in the church library. Come with your projects and ideas. Be ready to pray, laugh, and support each other. Hope to see you there.
Contact: Marilyn Rhoads.



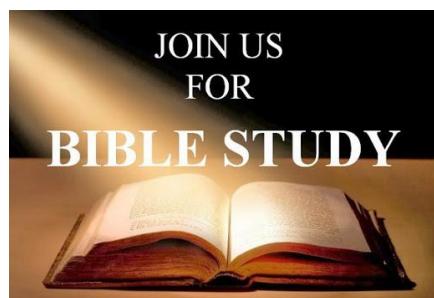
THE MONDAY GROUP

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, February 23rd
at the Americana Diner**

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



Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will be meeting on **Wednesday, February 25th at 7pm** In the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Bob Schlegel.

The Mission Committee will be meeting on **Sunday, February 22nd at 11am** in the Church Library.
Contact: Faith Schlegel.





The Worship Committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 8th at 11am in the Library. Contact: Rose Marie Bireley

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

Seeking - Part-Time Pianist/Keyboard Player – St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Bechtelsville PA

About Us

St. Andrew United Methodist Church is a warm, welcoming congregation in Bechtelsville, PA. Our Sunday worship blends traditional hymns with contemporary praise music in a supportive, family-like atmosphere. We are seeking a reliable musician to join our worship team.



Position Overview

We are seeking a part-time pianist/keyboard player to provide musical accompaniment for Sunday worship services. This position is well-suited for music students, teachers, semi-retired musicians, or anyone seeking a meaningful part-time ministry opportunity.

Responsibilities

- Provide piano/keyboard accompaniment for worship (typically 2–3 hymns and 4 contemporary songs per service)
- Collaborate with our praise team on contemporary worship music
- Attend weekly rehearsals (approximately 1.5 hours)
- Arrive 45 minutes before Sunday service for warm-up and coordination

Schedule

- Sunday worship: 9:45–10:45 a.m. (arrival at 9:00 a.m.)
- Weekly rehearsal: 1.5 hours, typically Wednesday evenings, 7:15–8:30 p.m. (flexible based on availability)

Compensation: \$75–\$85 per week, based on experience

Qualifications

- Proficiency in piano/keyboard
- Ability to read music, chord charts, or lead sheets
- Willingness to play both traditional hymns and contemporary worship styles
- Reliable, team-oriented, and committed to consistent weekly participation
- Trial period of 2–3 weeks to ensure a good mutual fit

To Apply: Please email office@saintandrewumc.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office 610-367-7043. Thank you.



February 2026 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
February 1 st	Rose Marie Bireley
February 8 th	Henry Ziegler
February 15 th	Linda Clancy
February 22 nd	Kelly Werkheiser

February 2026 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
February 1 st	Pat Kerr	John Stauffer
February 8 th	Pat Kerr	LeRoy Moser
February 15 th	Sarah Conroy	Jen Ewing
February 22 nd	Sarah Conroy	John Stauffer

February 2026 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
February 1 st	Rob Thomas and John Stauffer
February 8 th	LeRoy Moser and Beth Rosenberger
February 15 th	Rob Thomas and Tim Clancy
February 22 nd	Tracy Donmoyer and Adina Warren

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

Joan Herbst

Manor at Market Square
803 Penn Street
Room# 412
Reading PA 19601

Dennis Kline

Southeastern Veterans Center
1 Veterans Dr.
Spring City PA 19475

June Stoudt

17 Stacy Dr.
Barto PA 19504

Connie Redfern

35 N Walnut Street
Room# 125
Boyertown PA 19512

Joan Maute

1666 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505



Our Current Prayer List

Sylvia Deckert, Those Who Need Heat this Winter, Connie Redfern, Alan Kerr, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared Jr., Phyl Minner, and Julia Welsh.

Community Meal Friends: Peg & Rose, Mel, Cheryl, Linda, Our Grandmom's Health, and Doris & Joe.



<i>John Gale Fisher</i>	2/3	<i>Mark Egbert</i>	2/16
<i>John Bartman</i>	2/6	<i>Lynda Egbert</i>	2/18
<i>Linda Moser</i>	2/7	<i>Mary Frain</i>	2/19
<i>George Bireley</i>	2/9	<i>Megan Kuder</i>	2/20
<i>Linda Drabinsky</i>	2/12	<i>Mary Conroy</i>	2/22
<i>Glenn Miller</i>	2/14	<i>Ruth Fuchs</i>	2/27



*Paul & Sandra Bancroft ~ February 9th
George & Rose Marie Bireley ~ February 24th*

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
December 31, 2025

	December 2025	December 2024	Y-T-D 2025
Funds Received *	33,618.01	24,830.00	222,423.01
Bills Paid	34,860.20		232,826.52
Open Bills	859.53		859.53
Total Bills	35,719.73		233,686.05
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	<u>-2,101.72</u>		<u>-11,263.04</u>

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	1,285.00	26,295.00
Special Offerings		7,241.37
Memorials		1,150.00
Sunday School	12.00	145.00

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

Just a quick note to say thank you for the generous Christmas gift. It was much appreciated. Thanks for thinking of me. Looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2026.

Thanks again, Pastor Barb.



*Dear St. Andrew family,
Thank you so much for the Christmas cards, wishes and very generous gift!!! I am so blessed to be a part of this loving church family!*

*Love,
Jeanine*



The Salvation Army
701 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123
(215) 787-2800

Date: 12/2/2025
Amount: \$500.00

*Thank you for your contribution.
We appreciate your support.*

The Salvation Army acknowledges that it did not provide any goods or services in exchange for this gift.

St Andrew United Methodist - Womans Group
611 Swamp Creek Rd
Bechtelsville, PA 19505

All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Please retain this receipt for your records.

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 February is Boxed Mac & Cheese and Canned or Shelf Stable Milk.
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 February 2026

Boxed Mac & Cheese and Canned or Shelf Stable Milk





Making Our Way Together

Lent is a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal—a time when we slow down and make space for God to shape us. Traditionally, Lent is a forty-day journey inviting us to examine our lives and walk more intentionally in God's ways.

This year, our Lenten series is called The Way, created by Worship Design Studio and inspired

by the film of the same name and by the many biblical images of roads, paths, and journeys. Scripture is filled with people on the move—Abraham leaving home, Israel wandering in the wilderness, disciples following Jesus on dusty roads. God says through the prophet Isaiah, “I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19). Even in places that feel empty or confusing, God is always creating a path forward.

A key image for this season is pilgrimage. For centuries, people of faith have made intentional journeys as a way to pray with their feet and listen with their whole selves. The movie The Way tells the story of a father who walks the Camino de Santiago in honor of his son, discovering healing along the road. It reminds us that the journey itself can be sacred.

As one reflection says, “When we explore and embrace deliberate slow rituals, we experience a kind of sacred time not accessible in our everyday existence” (Calm App Reflection). Lent invites us into that slower, more intentional way of living.

Our weekly themes will guide us:

- “The Way Back” – Ash Wednesday
- “The Wandering Way” – Lent One
- “The High Way” – Lent Two
- “The Way Around” – Lent Three
- “The Way Home” – Lent Four
- “The Free Way” – Lent Five
- “The Other Way” – Lent Six / Palm Sunday
- “The Loving Way” – Holy Week
- “Make Your Way” – Easter Sunday

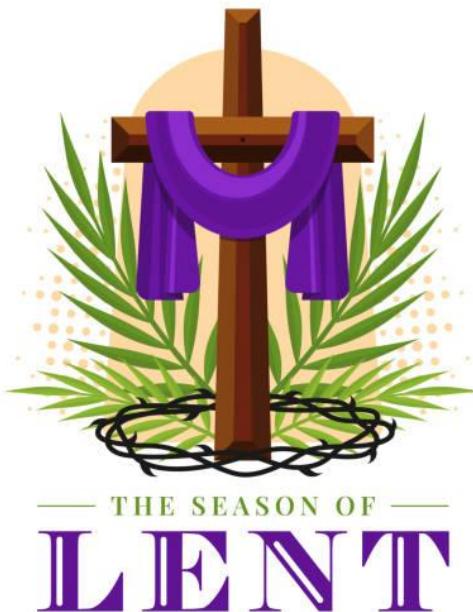
Each week we will explore how God meets us on every kind of road—when we feel lost, when the path is steep, when we circle in confusion, and when love calls us to walk differently.

We encourage you to watch the movie The Way, which will help frame our weekly themes. Our journey begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th, at 10:30 a.m.** Come as you are to watch the movie, receive ashes, and begin Lent with prayer and intention.

This Lent, we invite you to **experience our walking path in a new way**. Along the path, you will find simple prompts to guide prayer and reflection. As you walk, gently gather small items from nature—pinecones, leaves, acorns, seeds, stones, or anything that catches your eye. Bring them to the pavilion and add them to our growing nature mosaic. Each small offering becomes part of something larger, showing our shared journey as a community.

Whether you come alone, with a friend, or with your family, this interactive path is an invitation to slow down, notice, and pray. This Lent, we are not just talking about the journey—we are walking it. Together, let us trust that God is already making a way.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Barb



2026 Lenten Mission Project A Collection for our Missionary Patrick Abro

We talk of "giving up" as part of the forty days before Easter. As an alternative is taking up a project or practice or challenge. One alternative is supporting Patrick Abro, our missionary to Burundi. Patrick can certainly use funds to provide for wells, buildings, health care and programming, etc. You can follow works that are happening from letters he sends. These are put in our church newsletter. Suggested donation is 50 cents per day for each day of lent (\$20.00 total). More or less is welcome. Lent begins the week of February 15th. There will be sign -up sheet in the narthex. This helps us to estimate how much we will be sending Patrick.

Thank you for taking part in this project. Donations may be placed in "special offering" envelope and mark for Patrick Abro or Lenten Project. Please put in offering plate or church office.

Dear Church Family,

I'm so excited to tell you about an opportunity God has given me. Recently, I have been selected to go on a mission trip to Belgium and Germany through Connection Church in July 2026. During our stay, we will partner with Continental Theological Seminary and Youth Camp, helping to minister and encourage young kids and young adults in Christ's hope and love.

I know that the experience will serve not only the two ministries we're working with and the people of Belgium/Germany, but also me. I hope to learn how to further God's mission and bring back stories of how I have seen Him work in and through me.

One thing I see in the Bible is the importance of partnership, which is why I am sharing this opportunity with you. I know God has called me to go, but I also know he is calling others to support me in prayer and financially, to help me get there to spread His message.

The biggest blessing you can offer is to include the team and me in your prayers. We ask that you pray for our safe travels, open hearts, the communities we will serve, and for each day there, the chance to plant seeds of faith.

In addition, I will need to raise \$2,700 for this trip. If you can help me financially, please know that it will be used to support those in need of the gospel. There is a QR code at the end of this letter where you can safely and securely give online, or I can also submit cash or checks made out to Connection Church, if you give them to me.

In closing, I'd like to thank you in advance for believing in me and for your prayers and support. Thank you, and I will be sure to report back on our trip when we return.



In Christ,

Sarah Conroy



Thanks for the many gifts purchased for Colebrookdale Elementary School during our Christmas "Fill the Bus" campaign!



Thank You So Much

The world's a whole lot
better place
because of people
like you
Who bring so much
happiness
with the nice things
that they do...



And with your recent
thoughtfulness
still very much in mind,
This is meant to bring
a thank-you
of the very warmest kind!

Megan Droege
Thank you so much! ☺

Alyssa Rohrbach
Your kindness and
thoughtfulness are
truly appreciated.
Thank you for your
generous contribution
to our classroom.

Lorin Cox
Thank you so much
for your generosity! ☺

FEBRUARY

2026

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SATURDAY
1 Communion 8AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Mtg.	2 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	3 7PM Trustees Mtg.	4 5:30PM AA Mtg 7:15PM Band Practice	5 7:15PM Choir Practice	6	7
8 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 11AM Worship Comm. Mtg. 3PM Kids Quest 5:30PM AA Mtg.	9 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	10	11 1PM SAW 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	12	13	14
15 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Mtg.	16 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	17	18  ASH WEDNESDAY 10:30AM Ash Wednesday Service 5:30PM AA Mtg.	19 7:15PM Choir Practice	20 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	21 12PM Community Meal 
22 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 11:00AM Mission Comm. Mtg. 5:30PM AA Mtg.	23 9AM Monday Group Breakfast 5:30PM AA Mtg.	24 1PM Bible Study	25 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg.	26 12PM Yarn Spinners	27	28