

NOVEMBER 2024

CROSSROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Charge Conference

The 2024 Charge Conference

will take place on

Saturday, November 2nd

from 9-10:15am

at 1346 E. Prospect Avenue in
North Wales, PA

Cash 4 Causes
Help Raise Money for Our
Missions Program!



Hey there friends! The Holidays are coming! Do you have someone you want to show some appreciation to? Maybe someone who could use a little cash for their Christmas or Thanksgiving meals? When our daughter and son in law were just starting out, we would buy Giant gift cards and hide them when we visited. “Mom, did you and Bob leave a gift any card in the tea bags?” (on the bookshelf, in the basket of toilet paper). I finally admitted it years later. So don’t think about Cash4Causes as just

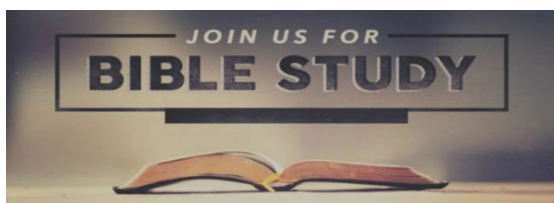
purchasing a card for you to use for gas or groceries. Consider purchasing cards for friends, loved ones or neighbors. You can purchase the cards from \$5 to \$500. St Andrew receives 5% of the total purchase over \$500. See Faith Schlegel the first and second weekend of the month to purchases. Please make checks out to St Andrew UMC and put Cash4Caues in the first memo line.



The United Methodist Men
 will meet for breakfast on
Sunday, November 3rd at 8am (new time)
 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, November 5th at 7pm
 in the Library.

BOARD OF
TRUSTEES



Cathy Webb’s Bible Study
 Will **not** be meeting in
 November or December

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

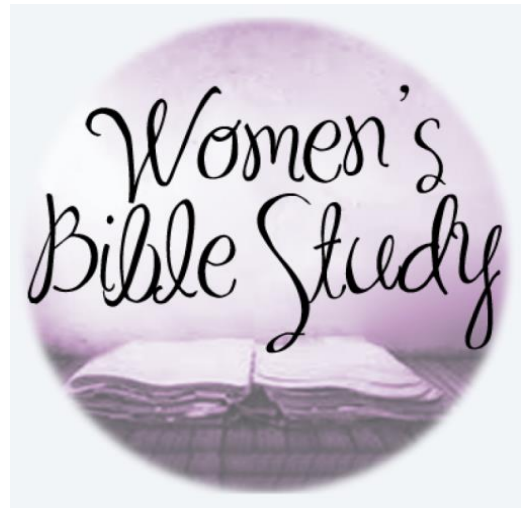
*The Christian Companion Women's Bible Study
will be meeting on
Friday, November 1st & 15th at 7pm
in the Youth Room downstairs.*

*They are working on
"The Chosen" - Season 2!*

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

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

Christian Companions



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 Church Council
will NOT be meeting in
November due to Charge Conference.
Contact: Bob Schlegel



Church Council Meeting



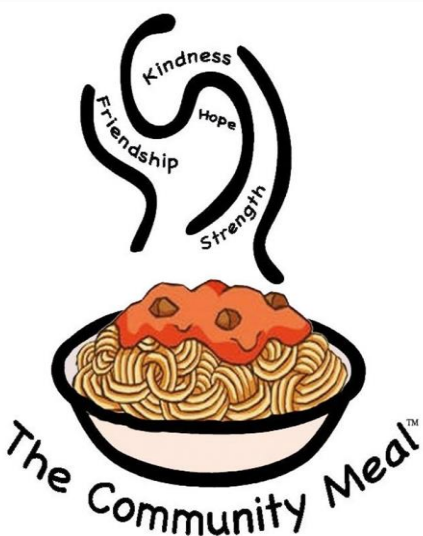
The Young Adults will be meeting
at Jay Lanes Bowling Alley
on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm
All young adults are welcome!

The St. Andrew Women (SAW)
will be meeting on
Wednesday, November 13th at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

All women of the church are invited to attend.

Saint Andrew Women had our Meeting for UMCOR on October 9, 2024. We took donations for hurricane relief through UMCOR. Ten ladies were in attendance, and we collected \$750.00!! Methodist men also gave a generous donation. In total, we can send \$1500.00 to UMCOR for hurricane relief in NC and Fla. Thanks to all who helped with this very needed donation!!

Please remember to save your Redner's tapes. Please put them in the box in the Welcome Center. We have collected over \$200.00 this year. Thank you for saving!



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.

November's meal will be a full Thanksgiving meal.

If you would like to know how you can help in November see Linda Clancy.

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, November 16th at Noon.

Volunteers are always welcome!

Yarn Spinners

Hi to all. On September 29th we had our Blessing of articles we crocheted and knitted over the past year. These will go to Genesis Pregnancy Center, Bayada Hospice of Boyertown, Salvation Army in Pottstown, and the women's shelter of Pottstown.

Some will possibly go to a local school. Thank you for your support of prayers and donation of yarns over the years.

Our next meeting will take place on **November 21st** at noon in the church library. Note the date change because of Thanksgiving. See you there.



The Mission Committee will be meeting on
Wednesday, November 13th at 7pm
In the Library.
Contact: Faith Schlegel



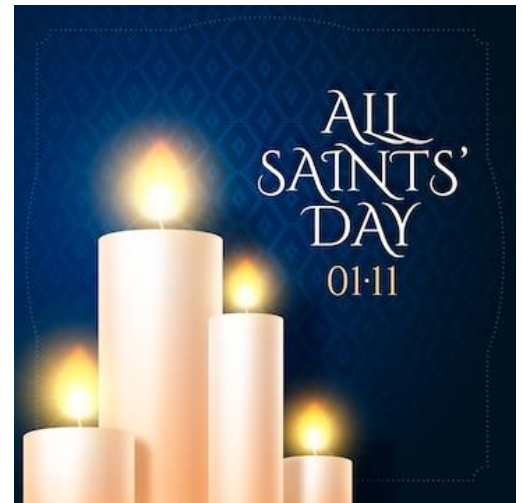
DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BED ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND!

Christine Gresh ~ February 7th

Frank Renninger ~ July 12th

Laverne Maute ~ September 23rd

Richard Ludy ~ September 26th



A new ministry for children ages 4-10.
Join us monthly for Bible stories, crafts, games
and lots of fun! The fun will begin on Sunday,
November 10, 2024 between 3-4:30pm.

The Monday Group

On September 30, Rania Metry, a representative of Operation Christmas Child (OCC), picked up the items The Monday Group gathered and made for this year's campaign. As you may know, The Monday Group is a part of Saint Andrew Women. Making and gathering items for OCC is a big part of what we do. The Group's main project is to make cloth draw string bags. The 5"x12" bags will be filled with school supplies. Most of these were made of felt, which is a strong fabric. The 5"x9" bags will be filled with personal items like soap, tooth brushes, wash cloth, etc. The bags of various sizes will be filled with stuffed animals, match-box type cars, ornaments for girls' hair, toys, etc.

At the beginning of November, Ms. Metry will have a "packing party" at her church. Everything gathered from multiple churches will be laid out on tables and individuals will take an OCC shoes box, walk down beside the tables and select the appropriate things for each box. Boxes will have been marked "girl or boy" along with the appropriate age group. Ms. Metry told us she expects to fill 2,000+ boxes this year.

The following is a summary of The Monday Group's efforts:

Operation Christmas Child

St. Andrew items Gathered and Made by The Monday Group 2024

The ladies gathered the items we had for the above, counted and packed them for pick-up on Monday, October 7th by Rania Metry.

Following is an estimated list of those things. The plush animals items are in bags while the other items are in boxes. All boxes are marked on top and one side indicating contents.

Girl – Toys	74	Includes multiple zip-loc bags filled with items for girls' hair
Boy – Toys	230	Mostly cars, trucks, etc.
Unisex – Toys	98	From jumping ropes to balls of all sizes & shapes
Personal Items	74	Includes nail clippers, combs & brushes, etc.
Plush Animals	776	This is a record high for us.
Draw String Bags	229	at least 5" x 12" for school supplies
	506	at least 5" x 9" for personal supplies
	819	of miscellaneous sizes
Total bags	1,554	
Total items	2,832	

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, November 25th
at the Americana Diner**



2025 St. Andrew Directory

We are working on the 2025 Directory.
If you have any changes or would like to
be added, please email your info to

Jeanine at
office@saintandrewumc.org



UPDATE



2025 Offering Envelopes

Your new offering envelopes will soon be on a
table in the Welcome Center.

If you currently do not have offering envelopes
but would like a box,
please let Jeanine know.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE BOXES

In order to save on postage, bring your Christmas
cards for the church members in on **December 1st &
8th**. The collection boxes will be divided by alphabet in
the Welcome Center as follows: (A-F, G-L, M-R, S-Z).

Please sort cards accordingly.

Please include first & last names on the envelopes
since we have several families with the same last
name. The cards will be on a table in the Welcome
Center to be picked-up on Sunday December 15th.



Angel Tree

We will be doing the Angel Tree
again this year.

Watch your bulletins for the announcement.



Church Van For Sale
2007 Ford E350, 12 passenger van.
56,000 miles, inspected.
Air conditioner needs to be fixed,
estimate \$500 for the repair.
KBB.com estimate price \$10,000.
Church member price \$7,500.



Dear St. Andrew Family,
Thank you so much for the cards, calls, messages, prayers and love
during the last few months with my shoulder surgery and other challeges
we've faced.
God has blessed us when He led us to St. Andrew. We were looking for a
church and found a church, a family and so much more!
Thanks & God Bless!
Bob Schlegel

Thank you!

To St. Andrew United Methodist Church,
I want to express my sincere thanks for all the prayers you said for me
while I was recovering. I went to my general practitioner today and he
said my pneumonia is all cleared up and I am doing fine! All those
prayers worked!
Love,
Armand



November 2024 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
November 3 rd	Henry Ziegler
November 10 th	Rose Marie Bireley
November 17 th	Kelly Werkheiser
November 24 th	Dave Purnell

November 2024 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
November 3 rd	Bob Schlegel	John Stauffer
November 10 th	Sarah Conroy	LeRoy Moser
November 17 th	Pat Kerr	Jen Ewing
November 24 th	Andy Moyer	John Stauffer

November 2024 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
November 3 rd	Lead: Rob Thomas and John Stauffer
November 10 th	Lead: LeRoy Moser and Beth Rosenberger
November 17 th	Lead: Tracy Donmoyer and Tim Clancy
November 24 th	Lead: LeRoy Moser 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:

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

Nancy Renninger
1599 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Joan Maute
1666 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Marian Meitzler
451 Township Line Road
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Janice Hull
Greenfield Senior Living
300 Perkiomen Ave.
Schwenksville PA 19473

Our Current Prayer List

Missionary Patrick Abro, Tornadoes in Burundi, Gene Henke's Sister Barbara, Pastor Barb, Elaine Bartman, The Ludy Family, The Maute Family, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared, Phyl Minner's Brother-in-law Armand, Mary Cantlin's Sister Lori, Eric Scherer, James Kraemer, Phyl Minner, Joan Maute, Stanley, Michelle & Kirstie Weller, Alex Schollenberger and their son Levi, and Julia Welsh.

Community Meal Friends: Rose, Peg, Kelly & Grandson, Doris & Joe, Arnie



Warren Moser 11/1
Harry Mohr 11/13
Ashley Egbert 11/16
Albert Fuchs Jr. 11/18

Ronald Pelko 11/20
Becky Rhoads 11/26
Joan Herbst 11/29
Collin Deckert 11/30



Michael & Annsie Shipley ~ 11/7
Robert & Edith Moyer ~ 11/9
Barry & Jayne Schmale ~ 11/10
Harold & Ruth Moyer ~ 11/14

George & Miriam Bartow ~ 11/20
George & Sonia Mastro ~ 11/24
Henry & Joyce Rush ~ 11/28

*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
September 30, 2024

	September 2024	September 2023	Y-T-D 2024
Funds Received *	21,089.00	17,474.00	196,041.50
Bills Paid	17,147.34		149,098.63
Open Bills			8,585.65
Total Bills	17,147.34		157,684.28
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	3,941.66		38,357.22

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	2,225.00	20,956.50
Special Offerings		1,330.00
Memorials		150.00
Sunday School	7.25	167.25

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

The poster has a solid orange background. A white rectangular box in the center contains the text. The box is framed by a thin black line. At each of the four corners of the poster, outside the white box, there are illustrations of autumn-themed items: top-left has a cluster of red, orange, and yellow leaves; top-right has a large orange pumpkin; bottom-left has a cluster of red, orange, and yellow leaves; and bottom-right has a large orange pumpkin. The text inside the white box is as follows:

Thanksgiving Community Meal

Saturday, November 16th
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!

Meal will be served buffet style
inside so please come inside
for a to-go meal.

MISSIONS

Mission: Salvation Army

Our mission team is asking our church family to once again answer a need expressed by Boyertown Salvation Army. We are going to collect one non-perishable food item a month to help them throughout the year.

Our food collection for November is to help them have foods to distribute for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Deadline is Sunday, November 10th.

These foods are distributed to those who are in need in our local community.

Be a Blessing to some of our neighbors who are in need.

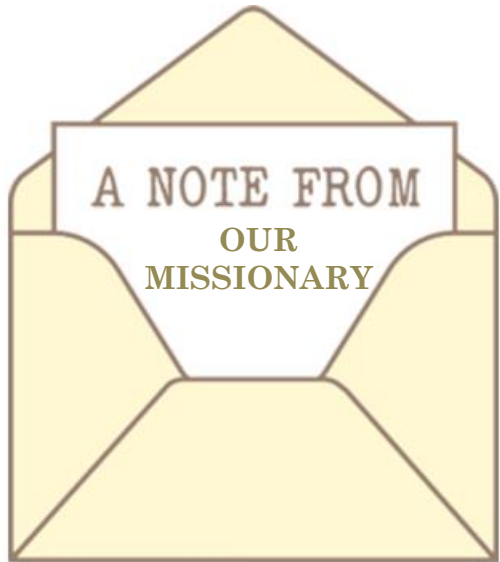
We appreciate your support of this community-based outreach ministry.

Thank You!

Food Item for November 2024

Canned Veggies for Thanksgiving & Christmas Collection





On October 3rd our missionary, Patrick Abro, along with several other missionaries serving in various countries around the world, did a zoom presentation about his work in Burundi.

Patrick shared the following goals for his work in Burundi:

Our objective is to reach by 2031,

- 10 health centers built and equipped to relieve the population, especially pregnant women and children under 5 years old,
- 100 boreholes to provide clean water to populations of Burundi,
- 50 latrines for hygiene,
- 50 clubs against malaria,
- Mobilize and train 15,000 religious and community leaders against malaria, HIV, tuberculosis, and for maternal and child health

Please keep me in prayer your contributions are very important to demonstrate God's love for the people of Burundi

These are 2 photos of current projects:

The children from Kerekura school happily receiving a latrine from UMCOR (see picture below)



The Health Center of Gahambwe will soon be open. It serves a population of 27,000 people and focuses on maternal and pediatric care for children up to 5 years of age. It is supported by Global Health/Global Ministries. (see picture above right)

This is the devotional shared by Patrick Abro:

REFLECTION

'Peace be with you'. Luke 24:36

The disciples know that the tomb is empty because the women were there. Peter and John who went to the tomb have reported the news that Jesus has risen. But his 2 disciples were still sad on the road. It took the physical presence of Jesus and for him to say 'Peace be with you'. This greeting is full of meaning, because with this word 'peace' Jesus removed the sadness and turmoil from his disciples. Jesus himself is called the Prince of Peace in Isaiah 9:5. He is peace.

Like Jesus, Peter used the word 'peace' to greet Christians in his various letters to the churches. The apostle Paul used it to greet the churches in these letters and even to some of his close friends like Timothy, Titus and Philemon. This has continued to this day. To greet someone, the Jews say 'Shalom', which means peace, but here in Burundi we greet by saying 'Amahoro', which also means peace, because peace is the greatest good we can wish for each other. Peace is the greatest good we can give to our neighbors. It is the greatest good we can wish for all people everywhere in the world: in Ukraine, Palestine, Lebanon, Israel because of the war, in the United States because of the disasters caused by the hurricane called 'Helene', causing death and suffering, also in Burundi, which is suffering tornadoes and disasters, and all around us the challenges of people who are suffering in different ways.

Yes, let us seek peace, let us do as Jesus our Lord did, who desires peace and gives it, yes, by our actions and our commitment, let us offer peace. For peace means: the state of a person that nothing disturbs, so living in peace means: the state of one who lives in calm, rest and tranquility. It means living without conflict, without war, without pain, without poverty, without worry, without violence, without injustice, without persecution, without suffering of any kind for lack of: shelter, blankets, clean water, health care, food, school kits, etc. All people, like us, want to experience the peace of Jesus, to be free and happy in this world and for eternity. We must not be silent before so many suffering hearts. Let our greetings and our actions promote peace. This will be the sign of our love for Jesus, and of our love for others according to God.

May God help us,

AMAHORO... Peace be with you. AMEN



Guatemala News

As the school year starts here in PA, it is time to remember our students in Guatemala who will be finishing their school year this month or next. Thank you all for your generosity, support and prayers that have helped to make another successful year of school for 28 children. You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus reaching out and making a difference in so many lives.

During the months of October and November we will be collecting donations for the 2025 school year. All donations should be made by November 17th. You may give your donations directly to Becky Rhoads or put them in the offering plate in a special offering envelope marked

Guatemala. Checks should be made out to St. Andrew with Guatemala in the memo line.

All the donations collected will go directly to Guatemala to help children who do not have individual sponsors and to cover some travel expenses for purchase and delivery of the school supplies to the children. Individual child sponsorships are also due on November 17th.

Gracias!



NOVEMBER 2024

Thankful
Grateful
Blessed

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Saturday
					1 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	2 9-10:15AM Charge Conference @ UMC in North Wales
3 <i>Communion</i> 8AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting 	4 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	5 7PM Trustees Mtg.	6 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	7 7PM Young Adults Bowling at Jay Lanes! 7:15PM Choir Practice	8	9
10 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 3PM Kids Quest 5:30PM AA Meeting 	11 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Finance Comm Mtg. 	12	13 1PM SAW 5:30PM AA Mtg 7PM Mission Comm. Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	14 7:15PM Choir Practice	15 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	16 12PM Community Meal 
17 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	18 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	19	20 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	21 12PM Yarn Spinners 7:15PM Choir Practice	22	23 11AM Memorial Service for Richard Ludy
24 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	25 9AM Monday Group Breakfast @ Americana Diner 5:30PM AA Mtg.	26	27 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	28 	29	30