

SEPTEMBER 2026

CROSSROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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*The Church will be closed
on Monday, September 7th
in honor of Labor Day.
Have a safe & happy day!*

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 MaryAnn Stauffer on Sept. 6th and Faith Schlegel on Sept. 13th 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!



BOARD OF **TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on
Tuesday, September 1st at 7pm
in the Library.
Contact: Tracy Donmoyer.

The United Methodist Men
will meet for breakfast on
Sunday, September 6th at 8am
at the Saville Diner.
All the men of the church are
welcome to join them!
Contact: John Stauffer.



Beginning Sept. 9th, 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.



*They will be meeting on
Friday, September 4th and 18th 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.*

The St. Andrew Women (SAW)
will be meeting on
Wednesday, September 9th 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!!!



ADULT Sunday School

Please join our adult Sunday School at
9am beginning Sunday, September 13th
in the church library. The Ambassadors-Seekers
will discuss sermons by Barbara Brown Taylor
in her collection, "Home By Another Way." Rev.
Taylor was named one of the twelve "most
effective" preachers in the English-speaking world by Baylor University in 1996 and
again in 2018 for her thought-provoking insights.

Ask Henry Ziegler for a copy of the book, then attend as many weeks as you are able.

Kids Quest will be meeting
on Sunday, September 13th at 3pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
All kids ages 4-10 are welcome!
Volunteers Needed!
Contact: Donna Werkheiser.



The Worship Committee
will be meeting on
Sunday, September 13th at 11am
in the Library.
Contact: Rose Marie Bireley.



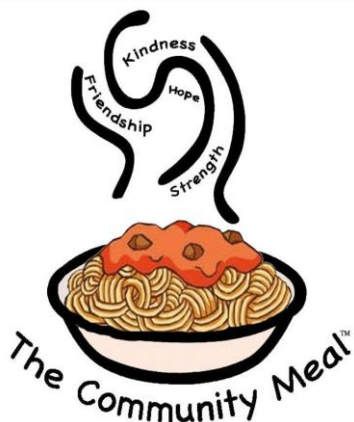
The Mission Committee will be sending cards to Colebrookdale again this year, thanking them and letting them know that we are praying for them. Cards will be

signed on Sundays again. Watch for that clipboard to come around!

They are also looking for volunteers to bake for the new neighbors in the townhouses. Something small like a dozen cookies? Date to be confirmed later but tentatively looking at mid-September.

The Adult Choir will be practicing on
Thursday, September 17th at 7:15pm
in the Choir Room.

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



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.

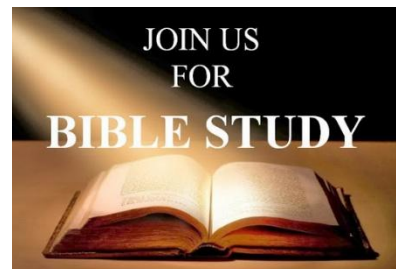
See Faith Schlegel or Becky Rhoads with questions.

Next Meal: September 19th at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Please come out and mingle, help, or both!

Also: Faith and Becky are looking for anybody who makes applesauce in the fall. They use applesauce frequently for the community meals and know there are some folks who buy apples every year specifically to make applesauce. If this is you, would you consider making an extra pint or two to be frozen for future meals? If so, please see Faith or Becky.

Bible Study will be meeting on
Tuesday, September 22nd at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is welcome!
Contact: Cathy Webb.



Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will be meeting
on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Bob Schlegel

Hope you all had a nice summer and are ready for pretty fall.

Our next meeting is Thursday September 24th at 12pm.

Bring your projects and crochet hooks or knitting needles ready to go!

October 18th will be the day for the Blessing of the items you have made. Please bring them to the September meeting so we will have them to display at this church service. We will then distribute them to various organizations. Looking forward to seeing you. Oh, don't forget to bring your lunch!!



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, September 28th
at the Americana Diner**

Local Mission Opportunity in
Pottstown - Come join us!

Feed My Starving Children Packing Event

Date: Saturday, September 26th

Time: 12:00 - 2:30pm

Where: Berean Bible Church in Pottstown

All ages are welcome to participate (5 yrs and older with adult supervision)



Feed My Starving Children is an organization that packs meals to be sent all over the world to people in need due to natural disasters, war, displacement, extreme poverty, malnutrition etc. Volunteers work in shifts to prepare the packs in assembly line fashion. There is also a need for those who would prefer a sit-down task.

Last year the Pottstown mobile pack made over 500,000 meals in one weekend! Many of the meals were sent to Peru and Malawi.

There is no cost to participate, although donations are accepted.

We would love to have a St. Andrew group participate this year. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet in the welcome center by Sunday, September 6th.

For more info, see Marilyn or Becky Rhoads or anyone from the mission committee.

If you would like more information, the website is <https://www.fmssc.org>



September 2026 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
September 6 th	Linda Clancy
September 13 th	Rose Marie Bireley
September 20 th	Faith Schlegel
September 27 th	Henry Ziegler

September 2026 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
September 6 th	Sarah Conroy	John Stauffer
September 13 th	Pat Kerr	LeRoy Moser
September 20 th	Bob Schlegel	Jen Ewing
September 27 th	Sarah Conroy	John Stauffer

September 2026 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
September 6 th	Tracy Donmoyer and Tim Clancy
September 13 th	LeRoy Moser and John Stauffer
September 20 th	Rob Thomas and John Stauffer
September 27 th	Tracy Donmoyer and Tim Clancy

**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 Street
Room# 125
Boyertown PA 19512

Dennis Kline

Southeastern Veterans Center
1 Veterans Dr.
Spring City PA 19475

Phyllis Minner

69 Arrowhead Avenue
Boyertown PA 19512



Alan Kerr

Pennsburg Manor
530 Macoby Street
Pennsburg, PA 18073

Our Current Prayer List

Dottie Smith's Family, Bill Stahl, Our World, Gladys Shingara, Safety for Kids Returning to School, Phyl Minner, Adina Warren, Love & Kindness from Others, 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.



Harold Moyer
Josh Schmale
Bill Evens

9/4
9/13
9/22

Alan Kerr *9/24*
George Bartow *9/30*



Jeffrey & Jen Ewing ~ 9/1

Dave & Tracie Gomolka ~ 9/19

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.

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit will be presenting a 25th Anniversary Concert of 9/11 featuring the Boyertown Sr High and Middle School East & West Show Choirs and Honoring Our First Responders. Concert will be held on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 7PM located at Boyertown Middle School West in the Auditorium. This is a free will offering concert.

THE BOYERTOWN REA ALUMNI MARCHING UNIT

Honoring First Responders

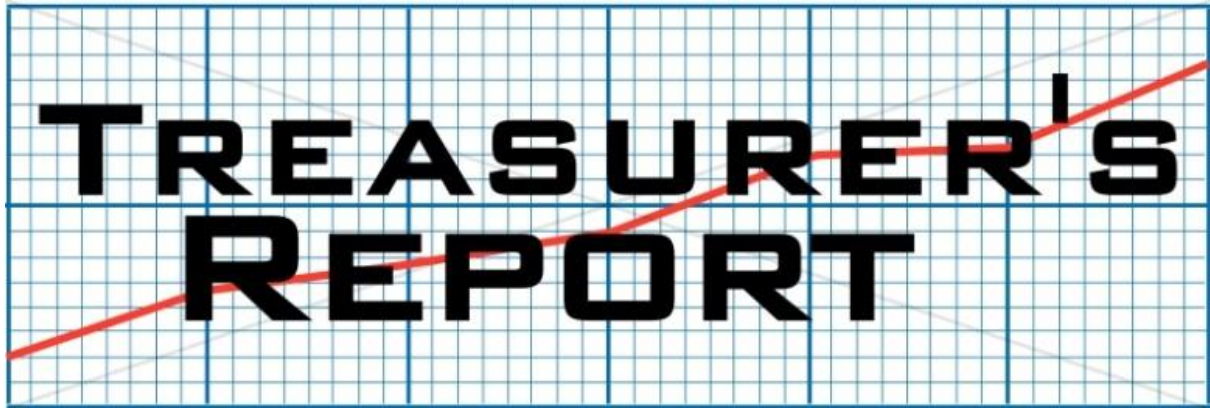
**Friday September 11 2026
Boyertown Middle School West
7:00-9:00PM**



**FEATURING:
Boyertown Area
High School
&
Middle School
East & West
Show Choirs**



Free Will Offering At Door



TREASURER'S REPORT

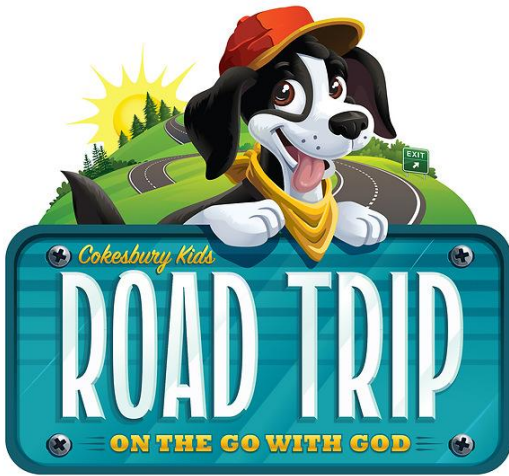
St Andrew United Methodist Church
Treasurers Report
July 31, 2026

	July 2026	July 2025	Y-T-D 2026
Funds Received *	15,355.00	14,373.00	123,519.71
Bills Paid	18,185.73		122,025.73
Open Bills	7,094.17		7,421.30
Total Bills	25,279.90		129,447.03
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	-9,924.90		-5,927.32

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	1,430.00	12,999.00
Special Offerings	100.00	7,715.00
Memorials	100.00	400.00
Sunday School		55.20

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



VBS 2026: "Road Trip to the Residence"

This year's VBS took our 13 kids on the road — literally. Over four nights, we split our time between St. Andrew and The Residence at Boyertown, the new retirement community across the street. Two nights we gathered at church the way we always do; the other two, we packed up and headed to the Residence, where our kids joined the senior residents.

That's really what made this VBS different — kids and residents doing VBS together. We began the night with singing and listening to our Bible story.



Some activities included the residents showing off their new place by leading the kids on a scavenger hunt. Folks teamed up to see which team could build the tallest tower and played a few rounds of Bingo, with snacks and conversation woven in throughout.



Ages ranged from 5 to almost 90, and somehow nobody seemed to notice the gap.

Everyone had a good time, and both the residents and the kids are already asking when we're going back!





The week wrapped up with a pool party at Pastor Barb and Andy's house — splashing, cannonballs, hot dogs, and one last chance to keep the fun going before summer wound down.

Thanks to the many adult volunteers who helped make this VBS one to remember, and to all the parents who let their kids be part of this experience.



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 September is Rice.

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 September 2026

Rice



Update from missionary Patrick Abro in Burundi

UMCOR Project: As part of the project to assist Congolese refugees in Burundi at the Musenyi



site, we organized a meeting with all the international organizations working at this site, attended by representatives of the refugees and the focal point from the Ministry of the Interior. It was an enriching opportunity to harmonize our actions in order to respond to the real needs of the refugees. More than 10,000 refugees and surrounding communities will benefit from drinking water points, medicines, and impregnated mosquito nets; solar-powered street lighting to

combat insecurity; food supplies; menstrual kits for women and girls; hygiene kits; and play areas for children to provide psychological support. These organizations thanked the Church and its partner UMCOR/Global Ministries for this timely support, given the drastic reduction in their resources.

Thank you to Global Ministries UMCOR for this work. Glory be to Almighty God.

Project to combat cholera. Faced with the very worrying situation caused by cholera in Burundi, the Church, led by Bishop Sinzohagera, donated medical supplies and boxes of medicines to the Ministry of Health. Madam Minister of Health thanked the UMC and its partner Global Ministries/Global Health for these donations. Glory be to God.



This story about the well really inspires me: Because this well provided a community with access to water, 20 families decided to come to church and trust in Christ. Thanks to GBGM/Global Health and UMCOR for the Lord's work in Burundi!

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SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SATURDAY
NOTES:		1 7PM Trustees Mtg.	2 5:30PM AA Mtg.	3	4 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	5
6 Communion 8AM Men's Breakfast 9AM Prayer Walk 9:45AM Worship Service	7  Church will be Closed!	8	9 1PM SAW 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	10	11	12
13 9AM Prayer Walk 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 11AM Worship Comm Mtg. 3PM Kids Quest	14 9AM Monday Group	15	16 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	17 7:15PM Choir Practice	18 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	19 12PM Community Meal 
20 9AM Prayer Walk 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service	21 9AM Monday Group	22 1PM Bible Study	23 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg	24 12PM Yarn Spinners	25	26 12-2:30PM "Feed My Starving Children" Packing Event
27 9AM Prayer Walk 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service	28 9AM Monday Group Breakfast	29	30 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice			