

MARCH 2023

# CROSSROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*"Called by Christ to bring others into the Nets of God's Love"*

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## Church Staff

*Pastor*.....Pastor Barb Seekford

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*Pianist*.....Kay Behle

*Treasurer* .....Donna Werkheiser



## Easter Sunday Services

7:30AM Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast

9AM Celebration Service

10:30AM Traditional Service

# INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



In case of inclement weather . . .  
St. Andrew will use the following guidelines:

## Sunday Mornings

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

## Weekdays

If Boyertown School District is closed then the church office is closed and all scheduled activities that day and evening are cancelled.

If Boyertown School District has an early dismissal due to inclement weather, all church activities that evening are cancelled.

If Boyertown School District has a late start 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!



## Lent at St. Andrew

This year our Lenten journey begins on Wednesday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm (known as Ash Wednesday). Worship will begin at 7:00pm and will include the imposition of ashes.

Lent is the 40-day period before Easter. Historically, it has been a time for personal reflection, introspection and spiritual renewal as we join Christ on his walk to the cross. (Sundays are not included since each Sunday is a celebration and remembrance of Christ's resurrection.) During Lent we are challenged to think about our own walk with Christ. We are encouraged to think about who we are today and who we want to be.

This year we are going to be looking at Jesus' words from the cross. You can learn a lot about a person when they know they are nearing the end of their life. They'll tell you things that they want you to know or remember about them. You might hear a "death bed confession" This confession often helps the person alleviate their guilt or regrets or even reveal some secrets. You find out what is/was important to them. Sometimes they offer advice as they reflect back over their life. Last words are powerful, how much more so are the last words uttered by Jesus? Hanging on the cross, knowing his time on earth was coming to an end, Jesus' words provide rich insight into his heart, mind and soul. Lives were changed that day as witnesses gathered to watch the crucifixion. Together we'll explore the power behind these words and the significance of them for us today.

We will also be meeting on Thursday evenings for dinner and small group study. Dinner will begin at 6:15. We will be using Adam Hamilton's study *"Final Words from the Cross"* as a complement to the sermon series. We'll conclude at 7:30pm.

Let this year be the start of a new lifetime adventure with Jesus of learning, reflection and action! Join us Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings beginning Sunday February 26th.

Week #1	Sunday 2/26	"Father forgive them"	Luke 23:32-38
	Thursday 3/2	Dinner begins at 6:15 pm	
Week #2	Sunday 3/5	"Today you will be with me..."	Luke 23: 39-43
	Thurs. 3/9		
Week #3	Sunday 3/12	"Behold your son...behold your mother"	John 19: 25-27
	Thursday 3/28		
Week #4	Sunday 3/19	"My God, why have you forsaken me?"	Matthew 27: 45-49
	Thursday 3/23		
Week #5	Sunday 3/26	"I thirst"	John 19: 28-29
	Thursday 3/30		
Week #6	Sunday 4/2	"Into your hands I commend my spirit" & "It is finished" - Palm/Passion Sunday	Luke 23: 46-49 John 19: 30
	*Thursday 4/6	Maundy Thursday/Holy Thursday	

\*Holy Thursday - Join us on Thursday April 6 beginning at 6:15. The evening will consist of a pot-luck dinner in Fellowship Hall as we gather around the tables to remember Jesus' gathering in the Upper Room for his last dinner with his disciples. We will also share together in communion and worship.

Blessings,  
Pastor Barb



## Lent Study with Dinner

We will have a Lent Study along with Dinner  
for Youth and Adults

Every Thursday from March 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm  
in our Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



**SPRING FORWARD**

Turn your clocks ahead

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one  
hour on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>



## Cash 4 Causes Help Raise Money for Our Youth Ministries and Missions Programs!

**Cash for Causes - Causes** - Ever wonder what the Cash for Causes money we make off your gift card purchases goes to?

Here's a list of just a few of the things we've been able to do with the money we make off of your purchases:

Sending money to Guatemala for Aldo's operation,

Helping the Boyertown Salvation Army provide food for those in need locally,  
Going on Mission trips to places like West Virginia, New Jersey, Philadelphia and soon Kentucky,

Supporting our Missionary, Dr. Zimmerman, in Nepal,

Giving money to Boyertown Multi-Services to help support their programs,

Providing money for Rise Against Hunger, to help package meals to be distributed around the world, as needed,

Helping Second Wind provide refurbished bicycles to children and those in need of transportation,

Sending children to school in Guatemala,

Giving school supplies to children in need,

Showing love and support to our veterans, through personal care and gift items.

Buying gifts at Christmas for children of families in need,

Supporting our monthly community meal.

There's more, but you get the idea. Your Giant Cash for Causes gift card purchases not only help you buy groceries and gas every week, but help so many people - locally, nationally and globally. Keep up the good work, spread the word and buy your gift cards knowing that you are doing something good!

## 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.

**NEXT BREAKFAST: Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ 9AM at The Americana Diner**





## 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, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Library.*

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

*Saint Andrew Women will be meeting on  
Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the  
Fellowship Hall. They will have a short business  
meeting and then start to chop the items needed to  
make the soup. They will be making the beef  
vegetable soup on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and  
the Ham and Bean on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.  
Anyone may join them and stay as long as you can.*

*Pick up your SAW soups & bread on  
Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Contact: Rose Marie Bireley*

*They are also selling Easter flowers to decorate the cross at the altar for  
Easter Sunday. Please give your order to Mary Ann Stauffer.*

*The order forms are on the table in the Welcome center.*

*Please remember to save your Redner's register receipts. 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.*



## YARN SPINNERS

**Will Be Meeting on:  
Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12pm  
in the Welcome Center.**

**Bring a lunch for yourself and begin thinking of where  
you would like to send our hats and scarves this coming  
fall. Hope to see you there!!!**

The United Methodist Men  
will meet for breakfast on  
**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am**

At the Saville Diner.

All the men of the church are welcome to join  
them!

Contact: John Stauffer.



*Cathy Webb offers a Bible Study in our  
Fellowship Hall once a month.*

*Next Study:*

*Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm*

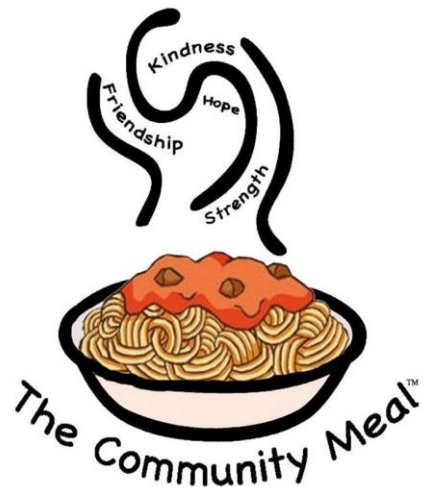
### **Free Community Meal**

The Monthly Community Meals are held the  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 consider signing up on the sheet in the  
Welcome Center to sponsor or help with the meals.  
If you have general questions about the Community  
Meal, please contact Faith Schlegel or  
Becky Rhoads.

**Next Meal: Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12PM**



*Thank You!*   
*to our community partner*



**Saint Andrew  
UMC  
New Berlinville**

Thank you St. Andrew's Church of New Berlinville for  
providing Sunday dinner for our guests and for signing  
up to provide another meal next month. Our guests  
raved about how it made them feel to have a home  
cooked meal. The evening was filled with conversation  
about their mother's cooking.  
Pottstown Beacon of Hope

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on  
Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Library.

The Mission Committee will be meeting on  
Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.



The Church Council will be meeting on  
Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.

The Finance Committee will be meeting on  
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Library.



## Graveyard Flags

If anyone sees downed or damaged flags over  
our Veterans graves,  
PLEASE notify Bill or Delores Evens to be  
replaced.  
Thank you!

Thank you for continuing to use our paper & cardboard  
recycling containers in our rear parking lot.

**All boxes must be broken down flat and please do  
not throw any paper in plastic bags in there.**

This brings in several hundreds of dollars yearly and we  
wouldn't benefit from this without you.

**Thank you!**







### **Sunday School Plans:**

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:**

Thursday nights during lent (March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>) the St. Andrew Youth meeting time is changing to 6:15-7:30pm. We will join the adults for dinner first and then have game and lesson time in the youth room.

**There is no youth group meeting on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

### **St. Andrew Young Adults:**

The St. Andrew Young Adults (college age-20's) meet on Monday nights. Location & time varies.

### **UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

St. Andrew will have a booth at Boyertown's Coming Out of Hibernation event on Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. We will be advertising our summer Vacation Bible School to the community by handing out flyers + seeds to attract monarch butterflies, and running a game for kids to play.

Would you like to help be present in the community and run the booth? Please contact Dave Stauffer. If you'll be at the event make sure to stop by and say hi!

Would you like to help with this summer's Vacation Bible School? Your help is needed to decorate, run stations, lead the kids around, keep them safe, and make VBS a great time! VBS is happening July 10-13, 6-7:30pm.

Contact Dave Stauffer to volunteer.

For more info, email Dave Stauffer ([dstauffer@saintandrewumc.org](mailto:dstauffer@saintandrewumc.org)).



**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

**Richard Rhoads**

2307 Ming Dr.  
Pottstown PA 19464

**June Stoudt**

17 Stacy Dr.  
Barto PA 19504

**Jeanette Kline**

2849 Big Rd.  
Cedarwood Room# 1313B  
Zieglerville PA 19492

**Joan Maute**

1666 County Line Rd.  
Bechtelsville PA 19505

**Laverne Maute**

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

**Our Current Prayer List:**

Arlene Robertson, Community Meal Friend Vince, Betty Hartung's Sister Barbara Kirkley, The Family of Peter Buxton (Pam Hewitt's Brother), Dennis Kline, Linda Moser's Sister Joan & sister-in-law Sandy, Phyl Minner, Richard Rhoads, Terry Hewitt, Colleen Simmons' Mom Betty Lee Stringer, Laverne & Joan Maute, The Residents & Staff at Frederick Living, Stanley, Michelle & Kirstie Weller, Alex Schollenberger and their son Levi, and Julia Welsh.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## St Andrew United Methodist Church Treasurers Report January 31, 2023

	Y-T-D 2023	January 2023	January 2022
Funds Received *	27,333.00	27,333.00	20,629.00
Bills Paid	17,256.32		
Open Bills	5,778.00		
Total Bills	23,034.32		
	4,298.68		
Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses			
Improvements	3,072.00		
Special Offerings	505.00		
Memorials	0.00		
Sunday School	25.00		
Sign	2,000.00		

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



<i>Nancy Renninger</i>	<i>3/3</i>	<i>George Mastros</i>	<i>3/23</i>
<i>Faith Schlegel</i>	<i>3/7</i>	<i>Marilyn Rhoads</i>	<i>3/24</i>
<i>Sonia Mastros</i>	<i>3/9</i>	<i>Pennye Reinert</i>	<i>3/27</i>
<i>Nick Miller</i>	<i>3/22</i>	<i>David Frain</i>	<i>3/29</i>



*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.*





### **Mission: Salvation Army**

Our mission team is asking our church family to answer a need expressed by Boyertown Salvation Army. You were all great in our goal to reach over 500 cans of "veggies" for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We are now going to collect one non-perishable food item a month to help them throughout the year.

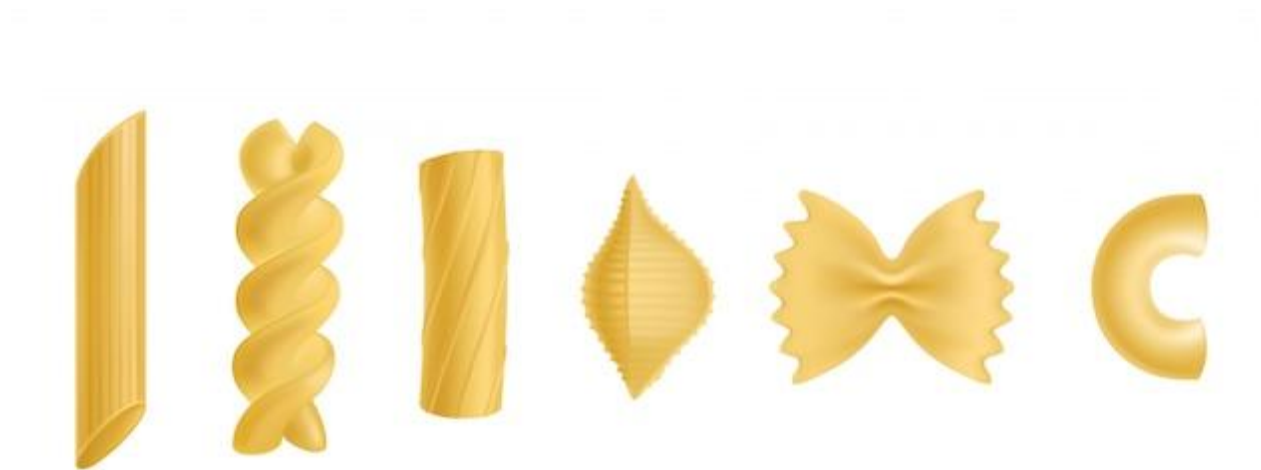
Starting in January we will collect one specific item a month.

The item for March is Pasta or any dry Noodles  
There will be a basket in the narthex for this item.

Thank You!

### **Food Item for March 2023**

**PASTA OR ANY DRY NOODLES**



# **MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION LIST FOR THE SALVATION ARMY**

**MARCH: PASTA OR ANY NOODLE (DRY)**

**APRIL: SPAGHETTI SAUCE (JAR OR CAN)**

**MAY: SOUP**

**JUNE: INSTANT POTATOES**

**JULY: CANNED TUNA**

**AUGUST: PEANUT BUTTER**

**SEPTEMBER: RICE**

**OCTOBER: CANNED VEGGIES FOR  
THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**

**NOVEMBER: CANNED VEGGIES FOR  
THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**

**DECEMBER: NO COLLECTION  
(SINCE WE'LL BE DOING THE ANGEL TREE)**



### **Dr. Zimmerman Lenten Project**

Lent and Easter are fast approaching and with them, the opportunity to provide support for Dr. Zimmerman, our missionary in Nepal.

Dr. Zimmerman continues to provide medical services at the Patan Hospital in Kathmandu, and his wife, Deirdre; who provides nutritional services and teaching.

We, as a church, have contributed to their work for many years, and they have been here to share their mission with us.

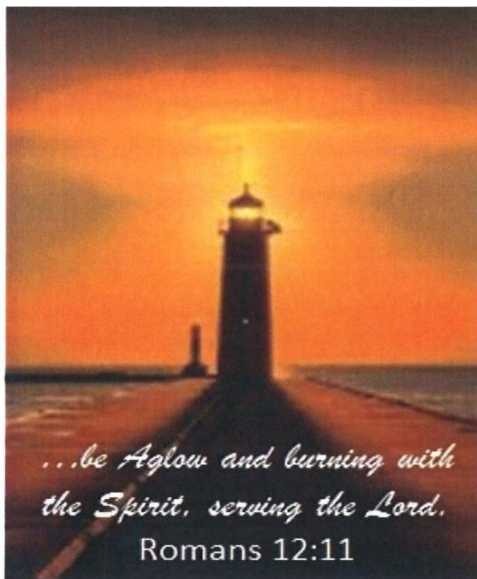
During Lent, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be collecting money in support of their work. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex where individuals, families or groups may donate.

We are suggesting donations of \$20, but any amount you can donate is welcome and much appreciated.

Checks should be made out to St. Andrew UMC with "Dr. Zimmerman Lent" on the memo line. Thank you!



# Aglow Community Lighthouse, Pottstown



**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

- When: 9am-12 noon
- Where: TRAAC (TriCounty Region Active Adult Center) 288 Moser Rd, Pottstown, PA 19464 (formerly the Pottstown Area Seniors' Center)
- What: Christian worship, "Look what God did!" testimonies, special speaker, personal prayer
- Speaker: Pastor Anita Malizzi of Hopewell Christian Fellowship, Telford, PA

## **Pastor Anita Malizzi**

- Anita's passion is to see people being transformed by the LOVE of GOD and FULFILLING THEIR APPOINTED DESTINY
- She is the CREATOR of PRAYER COVER KIDS children's blankets
- Anita is the AUTHOR of a companion book designed to help children to find joy in knowing God

**All men and women of all  
ages are welcome.**

**No cost, no rsvp**

Just plan to come, be welcomed, relax, love the worship and speaker and leave **changed**.





You are invited to a  
**FREE**  
**Community Breakfast**  
at Falkner Swamp UCC

2077 Swamp Pike  
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

**Saturday**  
**March 4, 2023**  
**April 1, 2023**  
**May 6, 2023**  
**8 AM—11 AM**

Tel: 610-323-4053

Free will offering

*St. Andrew Church presents our  
version of “Triple D” with...*



*Dinner, Date & Dessert*

*(A fundraising event for our 2023 Mission Trip)*

*Saturday, March 25th, 2023*

*\$10 per person for Date & Dessert*

*(Dinner is on your own)*

***Dinner*** - Go out for a bite to eat, a full meal or just a drink **at the Barrel & Ale Restaurant - 961 N. Reading Ave.** (eat in or take out) We get 10% of your sale

**or**

For a more family friendly atmosphere get a meal to eat in or take out from **Boston Market—1111 E. Philadelphia Ave.**

We get 15% of your sale.

*(Flyer or screenshot of a flyer - required to get % of sale -*

*See Dave Stauffer or Phyllis Conroy for flyers)*

***Date*** - After your meal, come to the church fellowship hall at 6:30pm, to enjoy some Christian comedy. Whether you're single, a couple or a family, you'll be laughing with these hilarious insights on life!

*(Families with small children can receive childcare during the comedy, for an additional donation & should sign up for care ahead of time.)*

***Dessert*** - When the jokes are over, stay & enjoy a yummy ice cream dessert, to finish the night!



## IT'S TIME TO ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS

Place the completed form in the folder on the table in the Welcome Center.

**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 10:30 Worship Service on Easter Sunday.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**All orders must be received by Sunday, March 26, 2023**

# MARCH 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NOTES:</b> Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before bed on Saturday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> !			<b>1</b> 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band	<b>2</b> 6:15PM Youth & Adult Lent Study	<b>3</b> 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Communion 7:30AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9AM Celebration Worship & Sunday School 10:30AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 9AM Monday Group	<b>7</b> 7PM Trustees Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30AM SAW Cooking 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band	<b>9</b> 9:30AM SAW Cooking 6:15PM Youth & Adult Lent Study	<b>10</b> 9:30AM SAW Cooking	<b>11</b> 10-11:30AM Pick Up SAW Soup & Bread
<b>12</b> 9AM Celebration Worship & Sunday School 10:30AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting 	<b>13</b> 9AM Monday Group 7PM Worship Comm. Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Mission Comm. Meeting 7:15PM Band	<b>16</b> 6:15PM Youth & Adult Lent Study	<b>17</b> 7PM CC Women's Bible Study HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	<b>18</b> 12PM Community Meal in the Fellowship Hall! 
<b>19</b> 9AM Celebration Worship & Sunday School 10:30AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 9AM Monday Group 	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Meeting	<b>23</b> 12PM Yarn Spinners 6:15PM Youth & Adult Lent Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30-9pm Mission Committee's Date Night
<b>26</b> 9AM Celebration Worship & Sunday School 10:30AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting  *Deadline to order Easter Flowers*	<b>27</b> 9AM Monday Group Breakfast at Americana Diner	<b>28</b> 1PM Bible Study	<b>29</b> 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Finance Comm. Mtg. 7:15PM Band	<b>30</b> 6:15PM Youth & Adult Lent Study	<b>31</b>	