

JUNE 2023

CROSSROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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From now thru September 3rd

We will have one combined worship service beginning at 9:30AM.

We will have one combined (adults & youth)

Sunday school class from Sunday, July 9th thru August 27th

from 10:45-11:30AM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Friends,

In case you haven't heard! I am having hip replacement surgery on Friday April 28th. It turns out I have a stress fracture in my left femur head. What this means is that I will not be around for a while. Right now, we are figuring I will be out 6-7 weeks. Pastor Henry will be handling pastoral emergencies.

Your guest preachers are-

- * April 30th – Dave Stauffer
- * May 7th, 14th, & 21st – Pastor Tom Davis-Shappell

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS MAY 28TH (Memorial Day Weekend and will continue through Labor Day Sept. 3.) We will be having one combined service at **9:30** am (Note new time for this summer)

- * May 28th & June 4th – Pastor Henry
- * June 11th – I hope to be back

ALSO NEW FOR THIS SUMMER –

This summer we are offering an **8-week intergenerational Sunday school class**. It will be held **July 9-August 27th from 10:45 to 11:30**. The theme will coincide with our summer sermon series, "People of Possibilities." Each week we'll look at one of the unsung heroes of the Bible and how their courage, strength and endurance in difficult circumstances show us what it means to be people of faith. Facilitators for the summer will be Phyllis Conroy, Henry Ziegler, Dave Stauffer, and Pastor Barb. Each week will be standalone sessions so don't worry if you can't attend each week. Come when you can! We will be meeting in the library or Fellowship Hall depending on attendance.

The tentative list includes:

Wk. 1 July 9 th Eve: the mother of the human race	Genesis 3: 1-13
Wk. 2 July 16 th Sarah: a life on hold	Genesis 21: 1-7
Wk. 3 July 23 rd Hagar: lessons from a slave girl	Genesis 21: 9-19
Wk. 4 July 30 th Deborah: the judge	Judges 4: 11-16
Wk. 5 Aug. 6 th Hannah: struggles that humble us	1 Samuel 1: 1-18
Wk. 6 Aug. 13 th Abigail: a diplomat of the highest order	1 Samuel 25: 2-42
Wk. 7 Aug. 20 th Esther: born for such a time as this	Esther 3 (excerpts)
Wk. 8 Aug. 27 th Stephen: a heart of peace	Acts 6:8-12, 7: 51-60

Thanks for your continued prayers
Pastor Barb



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

Cash for Causes – Summer Edition!!

Summer is just about here and with it picnics, reunions & graduations! Do you need some food to host that picnic or something to take along? Do you need to bring some games for the kids to the reunion or provide some desserts? How about that graduation...do you need a card? You can get

them all at Giant plus gas to get there, with your Cash for Causes gift card and help St. Andrew Church at the same time. See Phyllis Conroy for details or call the church office to find out how.

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, June 26th
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, June 2nd and 16th at 7pm
in the Library.*

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

*St. Andrew Women will have their
regular meeting on
Wednesday, June 14th at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall.*

*All women are welcome to attend.
Join them for food, fellowship, & fun!*

*Please remember to save your Redner's
receipts and use your Rewards card for
us to get credit. 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.*

Thanks to all who save the receipts for them!



YARN SPINNERS

**Next Meeting Will Be on:
Thursday, June 22nd at 12pm
in the Welcome Center.**

**Bring your projects, your lunch and the desire
to enjoy each other's company.**

See you there!

Gift Bags Needed

**Gently used gift bags (or new) needed to be
used in presenting the Yarn Spinners
created items to individuals.**

Size large (not the biggest) most needed.

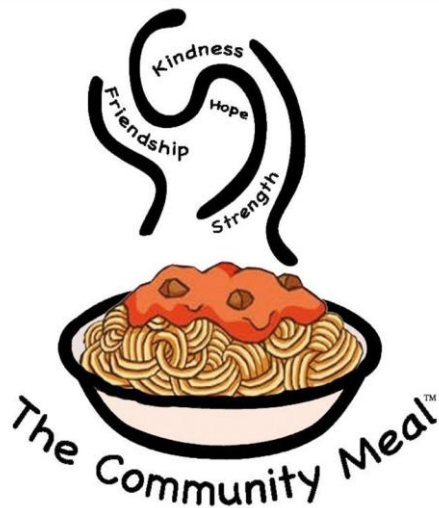
Thank you!



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

**Next Study:
Tuesday, June 27th at 1pm**

The United Methodist Men
will meet for breakfast on
Sunday, June 4th at 7:30am
at the Saville Diner.
All the men of the church are
welcome to join them!
Contact: John Stauffer.



Free Community Meal

The Monthly Community Meals are held the
3rd 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, June 17th @ 12PM

Do you like gardening? If you
do, please consider signing up
to be one of the Keepers of the
Garden here at St. Andrew. You
can sign-up as a volunteer, to
be part of the rotation of people
who help keep our garden beds
weed free.

It is time to get some more
hands to do some of the “dirty
work”.

If you have any questions, please see Bonne Riefenstahl.
Thank you!



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on
Tuesday, June 6th at 7pm
in the Library.

The Mission Committee will NOT be
meeting in June.



Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will be meeting on
Wednesday, June 28th at 7pm
in the Fellowship Hall.

Graveyard Flags

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



The Class of 2023

We will be honoring our graduates on
Sunday, June 18th
during our worship service.
We hope to see you there!



Sunday School Plans:

Nursery care is provided during the worship service.
Sunday School for Youth & Adults will be combined & run
from July 19th – August 27th at 10:45am

St. Andrew Youth Group:

The St. Andrew Youth meet on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm for fun games, lessons and conversation. Students grade 6-12 are welcome.

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 Youth's "Hello Summer" Family BBQ is happening on Thursday, June 8th from 6-8pm at the Stauffer's. All students finishing 5th-12th grade and their families are welcome to come celebrate the end of another school year. We'll have food and games outside. Bring your suit and towel. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 1st.
Invite your friends too!

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.

The St. Andrew Youth will have their summer retreat at Harvey Cedars from Monday, July 24th – Friday July 29th.
While they are away, please keep them in prayer.

For more info, email Dave Stauffer (dstauffer@saintandrewumc.org).

Vacation Bible School 2023



Operation Restoration

Kids ages 4-11 can learn how to be menders of God's world and live out faith in daily life.

July 10th – 13th from 6-7:30pm

Participants will experience a Bible story, crafts, science, music, games, snacks and local missions.

Register online by visiting
<https://www.saintandrewumc.org/children>

For more information, see Dave Stauffer



**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

Dennis Kline
Southeastern Veterans Center
1Veterans Dr.
Spring City PA 19475

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

Frank & Nancy Renninger
1599 County Line Rd.
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Our Current Prayer List:

Alan Kerr, Frank Renninger, Dennis Kline, Pottstown Beacon of Hope, Homeless People, Jayne Schmale's Friend Darlene, Hans Scherer, The Schlegel's Family Members Vicky, Vanessa, Christina & Families, Pastor Barb, Kay Leone, Linda Moser's sister-in-law Sandy, Phyl Minner, Richard Rhoads, Terry Hewitt, 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 April 30, 2023

	Y-T-D 2023	April 2023	April 2022
Funds Received *	79,478.16	16,594.16	17,788.00
Bills Paid	79,629.56		
Open Bills	14,533.19		
Total Bills	94,162.75		
Net Increase(Decrease) in Funds	-14,684.59		
Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses	Y-T-D 2023		
	Apr-23		
Improvements	1,688.00	7,763.00	
Special Offerings	1,045.00	5,255.00	
Memorials	125.00	125.00	
Sunday School	25.00	101.00	

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



<i>Duncan Thomas</i>	<i>6/4</i>	<i>Pastor Barb Seekford</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>Isabella Thomas</i>	<i>6/4</i>	<i>Henry Ziegler</i>	<i>6/23</i>
<i>Mary Cantlin</i>	<i>6/5</i>	<i>Barrie Fisher</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>Kim Dierolf</i>	<i>6/5</i>	<i>Dave Gomolka</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>June Stoudt</i>	<i>6/5</i>	<i>Oliver Thomas</i>	<i>6/25</i>
<i>Timothy Cantlin</i>	<i>6/8</i>	<i>Kay Behle</i>	<i>6/26</i>
<i>Linda McClure</i>	<i>6/12</i>	<i>Doris Pelko</i>	<i>6/27</i>
<i>Ruth Moyer</i>	<i>6/13</i>	<i>Shari Good</i>	<i>6/28</i>
<i>Shjon Gomolka</i>	<i>6/17</i>	<i>Janice Hull</i>	<i>6/30</i>



Albert & Ruth Fuchs ~ 6/4 Mark & Lynda Egbert ~ 6/5
Tim & Linda Clancy ~ 6/15

*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.*



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a
Congregational Meeting on
June 25th following the
worship service.
Everyone is welcome to
attend.



Dear Church Family,
I wanted to take a moment to say how grateful
I am for all of the prayers, cards, calls and
texts before and after my surgery. Bob will tell
you that I am not the best patient. I'm certainly
not the most patient – patient! I went into the
surgery with a lot of nerves. Knowing that I had
a strong, faithful community and a loving God
watching over me has made all the difference!

So glad to be a part of this AWESOME
CHURCH!

Blessings!

Faith

PS: Thank you Yarn Spinners for the beautiful
prayer shawl & for the prayers!



THE
**BOYERTOWN
ALUMNI
MARCHING
UNIT**

INSIDE SOULJOEL'S
AT THE SUNNYBROOK BALLROOM

2:00
p.m.

JULY 1

TICKETS AT
SOULJOELS.COM

**TICKETS sold at Bachman Music, at Aunt Nannie's
Bakeshop, & at BAMU concerts for \$20 (no service fee).**

*The
Spirit
Of
America
Concert*



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.

The item for June is Instant Potatoes
There is a basket in the narthex for this item.
Thank You!

Food Item for June 2023

Instant Potatoes



MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION LIST FOR THE SALVATION ARMY



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)**



Mission Trip Update

We're just a few days away from our Mission Team heading out to spread God's love and do some amazing things in Kentucky!

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for your support so far.

They will receive a blessing from the congregation on Sunday, June 4th, and then spend the rest of the morning doing some prep work before they leave.

On Saturday, June 10th, the group of 9 adults and youth will embark on their weeklong trip. Please remember to pray for them while they're gone.

Stop by the prayer board and take a list of specific prayers to help them while they're away, representing St. Andrew Church.

Leave a prayer concern you have so that they can pray for you and use it as a way to stay connected to our St. Andrew family back home, while they're gone.

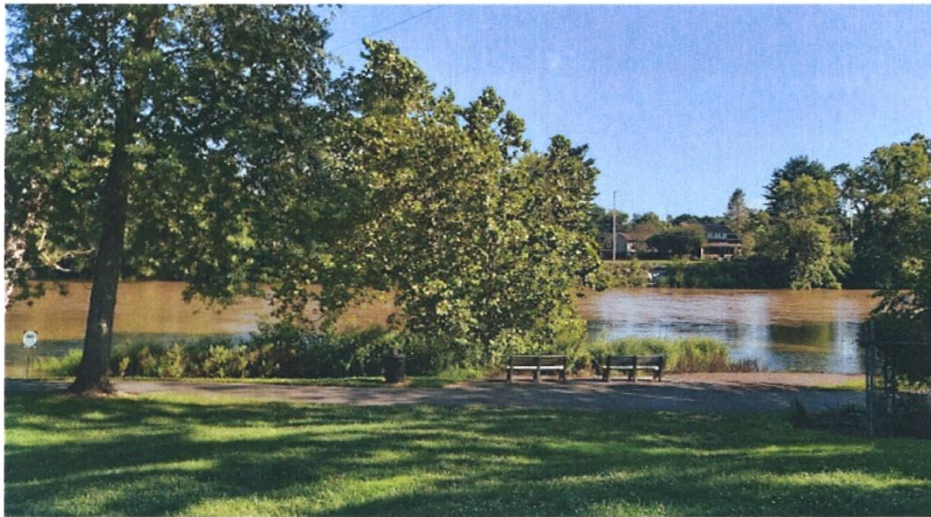
On June 25th, make sure to attend worship as we are planning to have them share stories and testimony from their trip! We are excited for them as they go out into the mission field and serve the Lord and St. Andrew Church!



*Let's all gather at the river
The beautiful, beautiful river;
We'll gather together at the river
That flows from the throne of God!*



Saturday, June 3rd from 10am - 12noon



Riverfront Park Pavilion
140 College Dr.
Pottstown 19464

An outdoor community event for individuals and families to relax and enjoy the beautiful river, nature, and live Christian music.

Riverfront Park is a scenic park located along the picturesque Schuylkill River.

Invite others to enjoy this time together outdoors.
Bring family, friends, neighbors, water, blanket, lawn chair, hat, sunscreen, bug repellent, picnic ...



Aglow Community Lighthouse Pottstown
Looking forward to seeing you there!



JUNE 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7PM Youth Group	2 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	3
4 <i>Communion</i> 7:30AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9:30AM Combined Worship No Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	5 9AM Monday Group	6 7PM Trustees Meeting	7 5:30PM AA Mtg.	8 7PM Youth Group	9	10 Mission Trip to Kentucky begins
11 9:30AM Combined Worship No Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	12 9AM Monday Group	13	14 1PM SAW 5:30PM AA Mtg.	15 7PM Youth Group	16 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	17 12PM Community Meal in the Fellowship Hall!  Mission Trip to Kentucky ends
18 9:30AM Combined Worship No Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting  GRADUATION SUNDAY!	19 9AM Monday Group	20	21 5:30PM AA Mtg.	22 12PM Yarn Spinners 7PM Youth Group	23	24
25 9:30AM Combined Worship No Sunday School 10:30AM Congregational Meeting 5:30PM AA Meeting	26 9AM Monday Group Breakfast @ Americana Diner	27 1PM Bible Study	28 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg.	29 7PM Youth Group	30	NOTE: While Pastor Barb is recovering from hip replacement surgery, you may call Henry Ziegler at (610) 845- 2293 for pastoral emergencies.