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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Let's Fill the Bus for Colebrookdale Elementary!

This Christmas season, we have a wonderful opportunity to bless the teachers and students of Colebrookdale Elementary School—right here in our community! In our Welcome Area, you'll find a bright yellow cardboard school bus ready to be filled with love, care, and supplies for classrooms in need.

The teachers at Colebrookdale have shared a wish list of items that would make a big difference for their students—from classroom basics to a few special tools that help kids learn and thrive. To make it fun and easy to participate, we've hung school bus tags on our "angel tree." Each tag list an item from the teachers' wish list. (Most can be found at Walmart and Amazon)

Here's how you can help: Take a school bus tag (or two!) from the tree and purchase the listed item. Return your gifts to the bus in the Welcome Area by December 14th. (Only items for Colebrookdale go in the bus) You can also make a monetary donation toward some of the larger wish list items—like a colorful play parachute, or sets of squishy fidget toys for focus and calm. We'll use those funds to purchase the big-ticket classroom items and deliver them along with all the donated supplies. (Make sure you monetary donation is marked for Colebrookdale Christmas)

Together, we can "fill the bus" with generosity, encouragement, and the joy of giving. What a wonderful way to share God's love and remind our local teachers and students that their community cares deeply about them! Let's make this Christmas one to remember for Colebrookdale Elementary—one busload of blessings at a time!

Thanks for your participation, The Mission/Outreach Committee

Cash 4 Causes Help Raise Money for Our Missions Program!

Giant gift card orders are collected on the first and second Sunday every month. 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. Please make checks out to St Andrew UMC and put Cash4Caues in the memo line. Thank you so much for all your support!





The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on Sunday, December 7th at 8am at the Saville Diner.
All the men of the church are welcome to join them!
Contact: John Stauffer.

The Finance Committee will be meeting on Monday, December 8th at 7pm in the Library.

Contact: Rob Thomas





The Board of Trustees will be meeting on

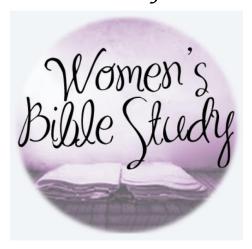
Tuesday, December 2nd at 7pm in the Library.

Contact: Tracy Donmoyer.

In December, the Praise Band will only practice on Wednesday, December 3rd from 7:15-8:30pm in the Sanctuary. Contact Person: Kelly Werkheiser.



Christian Companions



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, December 5th and 19th 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, December 14th 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, December 17th at 1pm

in the Fellowship Hall for their annual Christmas Luncheon! All women in the church are welcome

to join them!



In November, we participated in the Thanksgiving lunch in cooperation with the Monday Group to provide small boxes of candy for each person in attendance.

Thank you for saving your Redner's tapes. We have received over \$200.00 so far this year. Remember, do not cut them; we need the whole tape.

Contact: Rose Marie Bireley.

The Church Council will be meeting on Wednesday, December 10th at 7pm In the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Bob Schlegel.





The Adult Choir will be practicing on Thursday, December 4th & 18th from 7:15 – 8:30pm 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 12 ~1pm. Groups and volunteers are needed to sponsor a meal; to prep, serve, and clean up.

Next Meal: December 20th at 12pm.

Additional help is needed for this Christmas Community Meal. Contact Becky Rhoads, or Faith Schlegel with questions.

Thank you!

We are collecting 2026 calendars in December and January to be handed out to our community meal guests.





A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the Thanksgiving community meal!! Our church family really came together to make this event possible for our community. Thank you for all your prayers and support. So many people made donations, attended the event to interact with our guests, cooked turkeys, helped with setup and cleanup, prepared and served the meal. The Monday Morning group also made beautiful candy boxes for all those who

attended. We especially thank Linda Clancy for all her time and hard work in organizing this event to make sure everything runs smoothly! Thank you EVERYONE!

- Faith Schlegel and Becky Rhoads

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.

The Ladies will not meet for Breakfast in December.





December 2025 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
December 7 th	Linda Clancy
December 14 th	Rose Marie Bireley
December 21st	Kelly Werkheiser
December 28 th	Henry Ziegler

December 2025 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard		
December 7 th	Pat Kerr	John Stauffer		
December 14 th	Andy Moyer	LeRoy Moser		
December 21st	Sarah Conroy	Jen Ewing		
December 28 th	Andy Moyer	John Stauffer		

December 2025 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
December 7 th	Tracy Donmoyer and John Stauffer
December 14 th	LeRoy Moser and Beth Rosenberger
December 21st	Rob Thomas and Tim Clancy
December 28 th	Rob Thomas/LeRoy Moser and Adina Warren

If you are unable to work your scheduled day, please switch with someone else on the list.

Thank you!



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

June Stoudt

17 Stacy Dr. Barto PA 19504

Virginia McKinstry

Lives at Chestnut Knoll

<u>But mail should be sent to:</u>
535 Swamp Creek Road
PO Box 113

New Berlinville PA 19545

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

Joan Maute

1666 County Line Rd. Bechtelsville PA 19505

Connie Redfern

Walnut Woods 35 N Walnut Street Room# 125 Boyertown PA 19512

Our Current Prayer List

Bill Evens, Ray Heiner, Betty Bireley, The Family of Nelvincito in Guatemala, Warren Moser, Sylvia Deckert, Mack Hudon, Virginia (Ginny) McKinstry, Connie Redfern, Wayne Rhoads, Bob & Faith Schlegel, Alan Kerr, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared Jr., Phyl Minner, and Julia Welsh.

Community Meal Friends: Glenn, Shirley, Larry, Our Country, Rose, Peg, Oscar.

Praise: Levi Schmale is home and doing well.



Derek Dierolf Linda Clancy 12/5 12/7 Justín Rhoads Randy Gresh

12/8 12/10



Bill & Delores Evens ~ 12/22

David & Mary Frain ~12/25

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.



St Andrew United Methodist Church Treasurers Report October 31, 2025

	October	October	Y-T-D
	2025	2024	2025
Funds Received *	16,494.00	15,543.00	159,984.00
Bills Paid	20,241.35		172,560.65
Open Bills	13,519.51	_	8,749.68
Total Bills	33,760.86		181,310.33
Net Increase (Decrease) in	_	_	
Funds	-17,266.86	_	-21,326.33
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Other Collections that do not affect the budg	eted expenses:		
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Improvements	1,360.00		23,040.00
Special Offerings	1,210.37		2,416.37
Memorials			1,150.00
Sunday School	16.00		108.00

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

2026 Offering Envelopes

Your new offering envelopes will soon be on a table in the Welcome Center. If you currently do not have envelopes but would like a box, please let Jeanine know.





CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

In order to save on postage, bring your Christmas cards for the church members in on December $7^{\rm th}$ & $14^{\rm th}$.

The collection boxes will be divided by alphabet in the Welcome Center as follows A-F, G-L, M-R, S-Z.

Please include first and 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 21st.

The Angel Tree is on the table in the Welcome Center. Take a tag, purchase the gift and bring it back to the church unwrapped. Lay the gifts around the tree.





Fill the Bus with supplies for classrooms in need at Colebrookdale Elementary School!

We've hung school bus tags on the "Angel Tree", take a tag, purchase the item and place it in the school bus in the Welcome Center. Please be sure to keep the Angel Tree gifts and School Bus gifts separately! Thank you!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANT ORDER FORM 2025

The Saint Andrew Women will be selling poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas holidays. Please use this form for your orders. Place the completed forms, along with payment, in an envelope marked "Poinsettias" and give it to Mary Ann Stauffer or drop it off to Jeanine in the church office.

Please **DO NOT** put it in the Offering Plate. If paying by check, please write "*Poinsettias*" in the memo line.

Note: Checks should be made payable to Saint Andrew Women.

Cost: \$12.00 per plant. Last day to order is Sunday, December 7th.

For the "Christmas Tree" to be erected at the front of the church, 22 plants are needed, otherwise they will be arranged around the front of the church.

Note: If you order a plant or plants for use in your home before Christmas, you may pick up your order following the service on Sunday, December 21st.

Plants used to decorate the sanctuary may be picked up following the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24th.

Please Print

Pick up time preferred:	_Phone #	
Purchaser's Name:		
Plant #1 Given by: (If different from purchaser):		
Please Circle: In Memory or Honor of:		Circle: Red – Pink/Marble – White
Plant #2 Given by: (If different from purchaser):		Circle: Red – Pink/Marble – White
Please Circle: In Memory or Honor of:		
Plant #3 Given by: (If different from purchaser):		
Please Circle: In Memory or Honor of:		Circle: Red – Pink/Marble – White
Total Number of Plants: v \$12.0	00 = Total	Due \$

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit

21 st Holiday Concert



100 Limekiln Road

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Holiday Concert to be held at 7 PM on Saturday, December 6, 2025 located at MStar Church.

Free Will Offering. We hope you can attend.



Celebrate New Year's Eve with Music!

The Directors Big Band is hosting a Matinee Dance on Dec. 31, 1–4 PM at Keystone Fire Co., Boyertown.

Reserve your tickets by emailing <u>DirectorsBandBoyertown@gmail.com</u>. Food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets: \$10. Any questions feel free to contact Jayne McHugh at 610-781-8859.

DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SATURDAY
NOTES:	9AM Monday	2 7PM Trustees Mtg	3 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	7:15PM	5 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	6
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