

MAY 2025

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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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Daffodils

Given by Caleb and Anna in Honor of Grandmom and Pappy
Given by Marilyn, Becky, and Kristy Rhoads in Memory of Richard Rhoads
Given by Cathy Webb in Memory of Jack Webb
Given by Linda Drabinsky in Memory of Frank Drabinsky
Given by Linda Drabinsky in Memory of Rola Moyer
Given by Bill and Delores Evens in Memory of Family
Given by Bill and Delores Evens in Honor of Heather and Matt
Given by Robert and Edith Moyer in Memory of Loved Ones
Given by Robert and Edith Moyer in Honor of Our Family
Given by Adam Kellerman in Memory of Adam, Sr. and Grace Kellerman
Given by George and Rose Marie Bireley in Honor of Our Grandchildren
Given by George and Rose Marie Bireley in Honor of two new Great Grandbabies
Given by John and Mary Ann Stauffer in Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren

Tulips

Given by Caleb and Anna in Honor of Mom-Mom and Pop-Pop
Given by Caleb and Anna in Memory of Great Grandpappy
Given by Gene Henke in Memory of Nancy Maleek
Given by Tim and Linda Clancy in Memory of Dorothy and Calvin Cross
Given by Tim and Linda Clancy in Memory of Donald Setzer and Frances Butts
Given by Sue Welsh in Memory of Dorothy Nester
Given by Sue Welsh in Memory of Larry Weil
Given by Bill and Delores Evens in Honor of Coral and Isaiah
Given by Jayne and Barry Schmale in Memory of Our Parents Stuart and Doris Ritter and Levi and Mary Schmale
Given by Adam Kellerman in Memory of Ann and Robin Kellerman
Given by Faith and Bob Schlegel in Memory of Our Parents
Given by Faith and Bob Schlegel in Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren
Given by George and Rose Marie Bireley in Memory of Our Parents
Given by George and Rose Marie Bireley in Memory of Loved Ones
Given by John and Mary Ann Stauffer in Memory of Loved Ones

Lilies

Given by John and Christie Orr in Memory of Loved Ones
Given by Gene Henke in Memory of Robert Henke
Given by Tim and Linda Clancy in Memory of Donna and Charles Clancy
Given by Tim and Linda Clancy in Memory of Darrel and Angie Cross
Given by Glenn R. Miller in Memory of Harry and Meta Miller
Given by Adam Kellerman in Memory of Loved Ones Passed

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 Faith Schlegel on the first and second weekend of the month 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!



The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on **Sunday, May 4th at 8am** 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, May 13th at 7:30pm** in the Library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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.

For children ages 4-10.
Join us on the 2nd Sunday of every month for
Bible stories, crafts, games and lots of fun!
The fun will continue on
**Sunday, May 4th (due to Mother's Day on May 11th)
between 3-4:30pm.**
Contact: Donna Werkheiser



Yarn Spinners

Will be meeting on
Thursday, May 22nd at 12noon
in the church library.

Bring your projects, lunch and share in fellowship.
We are making hats for elementary age children and
toddlers. Anyone who would like to join in the making
may come to the meeting or make from home.
Has anyone seen a size 7 double point set of needles,
one needle missing? Must have been the "needle
snatcher" - Ha! But seriously, if anyone has a set they don't want, we could use
them. Thank you!

*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, May 2nd and 16th at 7pm
in the Youth Room downstairs.*

*They are studying
"The Chosen" - Season 3!*

*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



Church Council Meeting

The Church Council
will be meeting on
Wednesday, May 28th at 7pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Bob Schlegel

Join us for Bible Study on
the 4th Tuesday every month.
Next Study: Tuesday, May 27th at 1pm in
the Fellowship Hall.
Contact: Cathy Webb



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, May 19th (due to Memorial Day)
at the Americana Diner**

The St. Andrew Women (SAW)
will meet on
Wednesday, May 14th at 1pm
in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss scams
and how to avoid becoming a victim.
Join us for fellowship & fun!
All women of the church are invited to attend.

Thank you to all who purchased flowers to
decorate the altar at Easter and to Mary Ann and
John Stauffer for setting up the cross in front of
the church.

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



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee
will be meeting on
Monday, May 12th at 7pm
in the Library.

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. The May community meal on May 17th is hosted by the St Andrew Women! Please come out and mingle, help, or both! 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, May 17th at Noon.**

Volunteers are needed and always welcome!



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

Anyone who loves to sing is welcome
to join them!

Contact: Nan Webb

The Mission Committee will be
meeting on

Monday, May 5th at 7pm
in the Library.

Anyone is welcome to join us! Come
help us plan how to welcome our
neighbors.



Our Annual Charge Conference will be
from **Tuesday, May 20th - Thursday,
May 22nd**

Pastor Barb will be attending so she will
not be in the office.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 26th in honor of Memorial Day.

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and well wishes. I appreciate it very much. It is so nice to have a loving church family. Love you all! Thanks again! Andy Moyer



The Trustees are looking for people to help take care of St. Andrew's grounds by mowing the grass and gardening the beds. Anyone interested can contact Tracy Donmoyer or any Trustee. Thank you!

The Class of 2025

If you or someone you know with ties to St. Andrew UMC has graduated from high school or any level of higher education, we would love to know, so we can recognize them on **Graduation Sunday (TBA)** during our worship service.

Please submit your graduation news, future plans and a picture to Jeanine in the church office **by Sunday, May 25th.**





May 2025 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
May 4 th	Linda Clancy
May 11 th	Henry Ziegler
May 18 th	Faith Schlegel
May 25 th	Cathy Webb

May 2025 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
May 4 th	Sarah Conroy	Alan Kerr
May 11 th	Pat Kerr	LeRoy Moser
May 18 th	Bob Schlegel	Jen Ewing
May 25 th	Pat Kerr	John Stauffer

May 2025 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
May 4 th	Lead: Rob Thomas and Beth Rosenberger
May 11 th	Lead: LeRoy Moser and Tim Clancy
May 18 th	Lead: Tracy Donmoyer and Adina Warren
May 25 th	Lead: Rob Thomas and John Stauffer

**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:

Marian Meitzler

451 Township Line Road
Bechtelsville PA 19505

Janice Hull

Greenfield Senior Living
300 Perkiomen Ave.
Room# 109
Schwenksville PA 19473

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

Virginia McKinstry

Chestnut Knoll
120 West 5th Street
Room 201
Boyertown, PA 19512



Connie Redfern

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

Our Current Prayer List

Our World, Family of June Cunnius, Tom Ried, Dennis Kline, The Schlegel's Family in Pittsburgh, All Cancer Patients, Andy Moyer, Joan Herbst, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared Jr., James Kraemer, Phyl Minner, and Julia Welsh.



<i>Kelly Werkheiser</i>	<i>5/3</i>	<i>Jane Donmoyer</i>	<i>5/18</i>
<i>Phyllis Minner</i>	<i>5/12</i>	<i>Shirley Moyer</i>	<i>5/18</i>
<i>Adina Warren</i>	<i>5/14</i>	<i>Susan Welsh</i>	<i>5/18</i>
<i>Casey Mest</i>	<i>5/17</i>	<i>Noah Thomas</i>	<i>5/24</i>



<i>Tracy & Jane Donmoyer~5/6</i>	<i>Dave & Kim Dierolf~5/18</i>
<i>Rob & Beth Rosenberger~5/14</i>	<i>Jed & Lisa Johnson~5/24</i>

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
March 31, 2025

	March 2025	March 2024	Y-T-D 2025
Funds Received *	19,558.00	24,238.50	45,895.00
Bills Paid	18,301.94		47,375.26
Open Bills	8,236.66		8,236.66
Total Bills	26,538.60		55,611.92
Net Increase(Decrease) in Funds	-6,980.60		-9,716.92

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	1,795.00	12,505.00
Special Offerings	270.00	816.00
Memorials	100.00	100.00
Sunday School	20.00	36.00

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



Mission: Salvation Army

Our mission team has resumed collecting food for the Salvation Army. We have added a request for shelf stable milk or powdered milk where appropriate. We will collect one non-perishable food item a month to help them throughout the year.

The item for May is Cereal/Oatmeal and Canned or Shelf Stable Milk.

Please place them on the table in the Welcome Center.

Each month we will let you know what is next.

Thank You!

Food Item for May 2025

Cereal/Oatmeal and Canned or Shelf Stable Milk



Trust in Christ...hope fulfilled

April 17, 2025

By Patrick Abro



Gahambwe community members haul rocks and stones to a remote area in the bush as a demonstration to visitors of their great desire and hope for a health center to be built in their community.

(Photo: Patrick Abro)

Hope in the Lord!

Be strong! Let your heart take courage!

Hope in the Lord!

Psalm 27: 14

David, the author of this Psalm, knows from experience what it means to

“hope in the Lord.” He was anointed king at age 16 and didn’t ascend to the throne until he was 30. In the meantime, he was hunted down in the desert by the jealous King Saul. He waited patiently for God’s promise to come true. It’s not easy to hope in God, to wait for Divine intervention.

Waiting for God’s promise reminds me of visiting Gahambwe, Burundi, in 2020, in the Methodist District of Kinyiyya. When I arrived, I was surprised to see pregnant women, old women in tears and men collecting rocks and stones to deposit in a designated area in the bush. Though they had no money for the work, they hoped that a health clinic might be built, and they put that hope in God.

This community lacks pure water, so they drink polluted river run-off, which causes disease – malaria because of breeding mosquitoes, and cholera. They told me for a long time that their community was suffering, that women and young children were dying because there was no health center near this community.

Seeing these mothers and grandmothers, and even physically handicapped people, holding these stones to deposit them, I began to shed tears. I wondered what could be done and from whom the solution would come. Being a missionary in Africa isn’t easy. People you meet think you can solve their problem in the blink of an eye.

I asked them to hope in God, who hears the prayers of those who call, as we took the information to Global Health at Global Ministries. The day after I returned to Bujumbura, I prayed that God would grant the prayer made by this community. I even wrote this prayer for Gahambwe in my journal on my life as a Global Missionary.

We continued to pray, waiting for the Lord to intervene. And even when the health coordinator of the UMC of Burundi and I were working on the project, we prayed that we’d get there.

Today in 2025, we declare that God has truly been manifested. With the support of Global Ministries through its Global Health unit, this desert scrubland has become a fully equipped health center, with a community well alongside, giving a whole community hope for life. The UMC in Burundi also contributed to this work to build one of the units on the campus. This work is in the image of Jesus, who is the light that makes the darkness disappear. A miraculous development is taking place in Gahambwe.

Let us put our trust in Christ because Christ is worth the wait. I have seen ways that God uses the very time of waiting to refresh, renew and teach us. And then God’s miraculous intervention is accomplished for our joy and happiness.

Let us pray together: Lord Jesus, teach us to hope in you and wait wisely for your intervention in our lives.

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SATURDAY
NOTES: Pastor Barb will be away at Charge Conference 5/20-5/22.				1	2 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	3
4 Communion 8AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 3PM Kids Quest 5:30PM AA Meeting	5 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Mission Comm Mtg	6	7 5:30PM AA Mtg 7:15PM Band Practice	8	9	10
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18 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	19 9AM Monday Group Breakfast @ Americana Diner 5:30PM AA Mtg.	20	21 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	22 12PM Yarn Spinners	23	24
25 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	26 5:30PM AA Mtg. 	27 1PM Bible Study	28 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg.	29	30	31