

St. Andrew's Times

May 2023

ST ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Lord Turns Our Darkness Into Light.

A guiding lighthouse and saving station to our Community, Nation, and World!



MISSION STATEMENT: "To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known as Savior and Lord"

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May

Scripture Reading

Discerning the Enemy

Day 1: James 4:7

Day 2: 1 Peter 5:8

Day 3: 1 Peter 5:9

Day 4: Job 2:2

Day 5: Matthew 4:1-4

Day 6: Ephesians 6:11

Day 7: Ephesians 6:12

Day 8: Ephesians 6:14

Day 9: 2 Cor 2:10-11

Day 10: John 10:10

Day 11: 2 Cor 11:13-14

Day 12: John 8:44

Day 13: Psalm 138:7

Day 14: Revelation 12:9

Day 15: 2 Cor 4:4

Day 16: Romans 16:20

Day 17: 1 Timothy 4:1

Day 18: 1 Timothy 4:7

Day 19: Ephesians 4:27

Day 20: Colossians 1:13

Day 21: 1 John 4:1

Day 22: 1 John 4:2-3

Day 23: Hebrews 5:13-14

Day 24: James 1:5

Day 25: John 14:30-31

Day 26: Philippians 1:9-10

Day 27: Romans 12:9

Day 28: Matthew 7:15-16

Day 29: Acts 17:11

Day 30: Matthew 13:22

Day 31: 1 Timothy 1:7

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For we know that in all things, God is working to bring about good for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes.

Romans 8:28



This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.” So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me: “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.”

Jeremiah 18:1-6

When I'm feeling stressed and having a bad day, I find it helpful to remember the prophet, Jeremiah. For him, bad days were the rule rather than the exception. Compared to what he had to deal with, my little problems (to quote the movie *Casablanca*) “don't add up to a hill of beans.” Over the course of his lifetime, Jeremiah—sometimes called “the weeping Prophet”—witnessed his beloved Jerusalem deteriorate from mighty regional power to besieged city and finally to conquered ruins. In spite of his efforts to warn the leaders of the impending destruction at the hands of the Babylonians, no one paid him any attention. For his trouble, he was scorned, laughed at, rejected, humiliated, and eventually arrested. When the Babylonians conquered and destroyed the city in 586 BC, Jeremiah managed to escape. While his fellow countrymen were led into exile in Babylon, Jeremiah fled to Egypt, where he spent the rest of his life in exile, lamenting the destruction of his homeland.

The deep emotional and spiritual pain these events caused him are evident on almost every page of *Jeremiah* and *Lamentations*. Out of his grief and sorrow there emerged a rather dark picture, replete with dire predictions, impassioned rantings, and severe warnings. Yet running like a strong cord throughout is also an absolutely unshakable sense of hope. As bad as things were, Jeremiah continued to believe God was sovereign and in control of history. Jeremiah was steadfast in his conviction that God would turn disaster into triumph and one day the exiles would return and rebuild Jerusalem. In spite of all that had happened, he firmly believed that out of the ashes, God would create a future for His people, and that it would be good.

When faced with tough times in our own lives (especially those struggles that don't seem to ever go away), we would do well to consider the example of Jeremiah. Along with the inevitable “Why?” questions (“Why me? Why now?”), it might be helpful to ask ourselves a few others. For example:

Do I really believe there is a God? Do I believe God is good? And that He has good intentions for my life? Do I believe God is powerful? Powerful enough to influence and alter events in our world? Do I believe that out of His goodness and power, God is working in my life? Do I believe that even now, as I am going through this difficulty, God is working in my life to accomplish His good intentions for me?

God Himself taught Jeremiah an important lesson along these lines by sending him to the home of a local craftsman to observe how pottery is made. As he watched, he saw one piece of pottery that wasn't turning out quite right. In order to correct it's flaws, the potter took the clay, flattened and kneaded it, then reshaped it into exactly what he intended. God then explained the meaning of this object lesson to Jeremiah. God is the potter and we are the clay. Although at times we may feel as though life is “working us over”, through it all our Creator is using His skill and power to mold us into precisely the kind of people we were intended to be. Regardless of what we may be going through, God is working, kneading, and shaping us.

So next time you're having a bad day, think of Jeremiah. Ask yourself some of those Jeremiah questions. And you might even want to take a moment to close your eyes and feel the strong, loving hands of God the Potter upon you. There is firmness and power in His hands, but also a gentle goodness. Skillfully and lovingly, your Creator is making “something beautiful” out of your life!



SHEARER, SCIDELL & NANCY	1
WERTZ, GERALD & CRYSTAL	1
HEDDINGS, WAYNE & CHARLENE	12
YOUNG, JOSHUA & BROOKE	15
STEINER, JON & LAUREN	18
STITELY, FRANK & SANDEE	18
BOWERS, STEVE & ALICIA	19
KOCHER, RON & ISABEL	19
STAHLNECKER, ADAM & VANESSA	19
GOOD, TERRY & JONNY	21
WILES, ANNETTE & RANDY	22
COUP, JASON & GRETCHEN	23
PORTER, MICHAEL & LESLIE	23
SNYDER, RICHARD & BRENTHA	26
FULLMER, GARY & PEGGY	31



ASHER ANDERSON	1	SANDRA DORMAN	10	BILLY HABECKER	20
LORENA SAMPSELL	1	STACIE MOORE	10	SAQQARA PHILLIPS	22
JILL DUNKLE	2	JACOB SHEARER	10	LAUREN RICHIE	23
BONNIE NEUER	3	JOSHUA DERR	11	MICHAEL STINE	23
LAINIEY SNYDER	3	TWILA ECK	11	MARYBETH ADAMS	24
ALICIA BOWERS	4	NANCY SHEARER	12	DAVID SLOTH	24
THOMAS FAWESS	4	RUSSELL BOWERS	13	RICHARD WALTER	24
KAYLA HITESMAN	4	BRENDA SCHORR	13	ADAM STAHLNECKER	25
ZACHARY KLINGER	5	TARA SELLERS	15	ZANDER TALLENT	25
COLTON SHIVELY	5	MADISON SHEARER	15	JILL FORESMAN	27
WENDY YOUNG	5	MARION STEESE	15	GARY LLOYD	28
TAMMY GUNDRUM	6	RONNEY MEADE SR.	16	ROSE GIBSON	30
MARY JANE SNYDER	6	COLTON RITENOUR	16	JEFF RITENOUR	30
JORDAN CHRISMER	7	ASHER STAHL	18	IDA SNYDER	30
PAULINE SNYDER	7	WENDY KELLER	19	JEFFREY STRAHAN	30
DON HAULMAN	8			CONNIE ETTINGER	31
CAROL SCHOLL	8			RYLAND MCCONNELL	31
TRACEY DANNER	9				

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Tuesday, Thursday — Please Call First

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Noah's Ark: 570-742-8951

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5-6pm Community Harvest 6:00pm Noah's Ark Meeting 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Children's Choir	2 1pm P. Packs Set-Up 7pm Christian Ed Mtg	3 6pm Panther Packs 6pm SPPRC Meeting	4 7:15pm Adult Choir	5	6
7 Girl Scout Sunday Fellowship Meal After Church 6-8pm Youth Group	8 5-6pm Community Harvest 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Children's Choir	9 7pm Trustee Meeting	10	11 7:15pm Adult Choir	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15 5-6pm Community Harvest 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Children's Choir 7:00pm Ad Council Mtg	16	17 Newsletter Article Deadline	18 7:15pm Adult Choir	19	20 11am-5pm Kitchen/Social Hall In Use Youth Group Trip Details TBA
21 Member Recognition (10+ Years)	22 5-6pm Community Harvest 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Children's Choir	23	24 9am Mail Newsletter	25 6:00pm Noah's Ark PreK Graduation 7:15pm Adult Choir	26	27
28 Pentecost Honoring Veterans	29 5-6pm Community Harvest 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Children's Choir	30	31	Email: saumc@ptd.net Website: saumcmilton.org Facebook: facebook.com/standrewsumcmilton		

VOLUNTEERS SERVING — May 2023

Ushers

David Stahl, Chief	
Sam Haulman	Deborah Simon
Jeff Diggan	Lee Shreck
Robert Snyder	Frank Stitely

Altar Stewards

Jonny & Terry Good

GREETERS

7	Lauren & Nate Richie
14	Youth Group
21	Cathy & Steve Bennage
28	Cindy & Bob Snyder

LOVE PATROL

7	Sandee Stitely & Jim Neuer
14	Leslie Porter & Barry Bowers, Jr.
21	Krissy Lytle & Dan Baker
28	Lisa McManus & Sam Haulman

Financial Stewards

Mercy Gray, Debbie Haulman, and David Miller
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ACOLYTES

7	Irene Dick
14	Layla Richie
21	Kinlee Lytle
28	Jane Wertz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

7	Lauren Richie & Logan Coney
14	Krissy Lytle & Lauren Richie
21	Joann Lloyd & Edith Noaker
28	Michelle McElwee & Delany Kraus





Upholding our Members in Prayer

In keeping with HIPPA privacy regulations, we list only the names of
Members and active Attendees who agree to be listed.

Please help us keep the list updated with additions, removals

and any corrections by contacting the church office. Thank You!

Pastor Mark Brumbach	Helen Phillips
Randy Coup	Judy Pursell
Ruth Easley	Fred Ranck
Linda Emery	Robert Riehl
Larry Emery	Dale & Lou Ann Sheets
David Everitt (Navy)	Fred Simon
Marlene Fama	Sylvia Smith
Peggy Fullmer	Glenn & Ida Snyder
Nancy Geiger	Pastor Michael Stine
Linda Hackenberg	Frank, Sharon & Corey Wert
Sylvia Hendricks	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Denise Larson	Richard Winter
Janet Lee	Emma Zeager & Family
Jane Lentz	Elizabeth Zerbe
Aaron Merwin	
Devynn Napp-Barker	
Sean Neilson (Navy)	

Geisinger - Frank Wert (Bloomsburg)

**Milton N&R - Ward Walter, Lois Wagner, Mary Scholl, Gary Rute,
& Shirley Wilver**

Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter, Shirley Coup (Rehab)

Watsonstown N&R - Peg Cravatt, Lucille Zellers, Betty Lou Hillsey

Missionaries we support and their missions.

Red Bird Mission

James and Bernice Keech – Board of Global Missions

Sierra Leone Initiative: Partner Church

– Zimmi United Methodist and Pastor Dominic Kanu

Dr. Christiana Hena and her ministry with

Healthy Women/Healthy Liberia.

St. Andrew's UMC Prayer Chain

Call – Mercy Gray @ 570-701-7948

or Edith Noaker @ 570-742-4756

Panther Packs Ministry

Can you believe that we are just getting into spring but summer is quickly approaching. How do I know that, because we are packing the last month of meals for the school year.

Our final packing night is May 3rd. It's time to express a special thank you to all of you for your continued support, whether it is with your prayers, gifts, bag folding, packing, or whatever part you have played... Thank you!! I would like to also express a special thank you to the Panther Packs Team, those who lead the Pantry team, Set Up team, Finance people, Distribution team, Cloth Bag Team and Administration... Thank you!!

We will be packing for four weeks for May. Packing starts at 6:00 PM.

Here are the packing details for final month packing:

Month	# of Wks.	Prepack	Set Up	Packing	School Pick Ups
May	4	4/25/2023	5/2/2023	5/3/2023	05/4, 11, 18, 22

Come and join in on the fun.

Do you have some extra time (about one half hour) on Thursday mornings? We are still looking for individuals, who can be in a monthly rotation, to meet the school representative at the church to load the bins into his van. This is weekly, usually on Thursday (For example: see "School Pick Up" dates on schedule above). You must be able to lift approximately 25 pounds. If you can help with this, please see Dave Miller. Thank you to those who have rotated into this process.

Panther Packs, showing the love of Christ through one meal at a time.

~Panther Packs Committee



Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 11th to attend our annual Church picnic. The picnic will be held at God's Lot after the church service (weather permitting).



Please bring a covered dish to share and a place setting. An RSVP slip will be in the bulletin starting May 21st.

Financial Picture

<i>2023</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>Year-to-date totals</i>
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	21,804.97	70,589.99
Receipts	26,367.42	105,098.39
Expenditures	34,787.12	113,351.02
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,377.23	13,131.79
Receipts	2,933.47	7,202.34
Expenditures	3,612.57	13,028.76
<u>FAITH PROMISE</u> (non-budget)		
Receipts	175.00	520.00
Expenditures	550.00	1,579.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	254.16	762.14
Expenditures	0.00	0.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	3,341.96	10,025.24
Receipts	1,113.75	3,986.23
Expenditures	759.07	4,926.39
Rally Day Receipt (non-budget)	0.00	0.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	595.87	1,787.53
Receipts	231.47	808.94
Expenditures	83.43	778.75
Total Budget	30,120.03	95,534.55
Total Receipts	31,075.27	118,378.04
Total Expenditures	39,792.19	133,663.92

Finance Committee Update

Looking back over the last two years, we all have seen an increase in our personal monthly expenses, which has resulted in costing us more to meet those monthly living expenses. These increases have not only affected us personally, but our Church has experienced it as well.

When we compare expenses for 2021 to 2022 we have seen our greatest increase in our utilities. Our electric has increased by 87%, our gas, which we use for heating, has increased by 71% and our water has increased by 31%. In addition to our utilities we have experienced slight increases in other areas but they were internal areas related to the workings of our Church.

Over the same two year period, I'm thankful to report that our giving has stayed consistent. However, with the increases we have experienced in expenses, it has made it harder to meet our obligations. To date, the church continues to meet its obligations.

Looking ahead through a year of uncertainty, we need to continue to support our Church through prayer, becoming more spiritual in our Church relationship and our financial support.

~Finance Committee

**FLOWERS FOR
PENTECOST SUNDAY
May 28th, 2023**



Potted Geranium:

	Number of:	Cost
4" Red Geranium	_____ x \$4.00	=
Amount Enclosed:		

Flowers Placed -

In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	
Placed By:	

I do **not** want flowers but wish to make a donation to the following:
(Circle One)

Memorial Fund Library Other (Specify): _____

In Memory of:		
In Honor of:		
Placed By:		
Amount Enclosed:		

**PLACE COUPON IN OFFERING PLATE or
RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE**

Order Deadline: Sunday, May 14, 2023