

# St. Andrew's Times

**June 2023**

**ST ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**102 LOWER MARKET STREET; MILTON, PA 17847**

**(570) 742-2000**

**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"**





# June

## Scripture Reading

Day 1: Galatians 5:22-23

Day 2: Zephaniah 3:17

Day 3: John 3:16-17

Day 4: John 15:9-10

Day 5: John 15:12-13

Day 6: Habakkuk 3:17-18

Day 7: 1 Peter 1:8-9

Day 8: Luke 15:7

Day 9: Psalm 30:5

Day 10: 1 Peter 3:11

Day 11: James 3:18

Day 12: Psalm 29:11

Day 13: Romans 12:18

Day 14: Exodus 34:6-7

Day 15: James 1:2-4

Day 16: Romans 5:1-2

Day 17: Romans 5:3-4

Day 18: Proverbs 31:20

Day 19: Colossians 3:12

Day 20: Titus 3:1-2

Day 21: Ephesians 4:1-2

Day 22: 2 Peter 1:5-6

Day 23: 2 Peter 1:7-8

Day 24: Hebrews 11:1-2

Day 25: Hebrews 12:1-2

Day 26: Romans 14:19

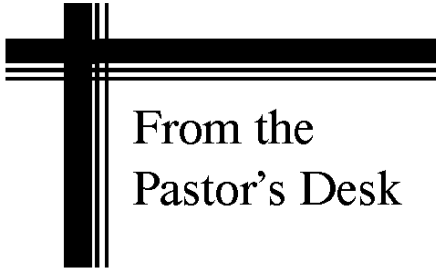
Day 27: Proverbs 25:28

Day 28: Proverbs 16:32

Day 29: Titus 2:11-14

Day 30: Philippians 4:8

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## From the Pastor's Desk

When God created the universe, He came up with an ingenious plan for keeping worlds in place. In our solar system, for example, the planets are kept in their predictable orbits by the gravitational pull of the sun at the center. If the sun suddenly disappeared, there would be nothing to hold the planets in place, and they would all spin off randomly and chaotically into space.

God created us in much the same way. Like planets, we too need a stable center in our lives: something firm and fixed we can orbit around. Without such a center, our lives can spin out of control and into space. Without a sun of some sort, we can feel as though we are floating aimlessly through chaos.

We all understand our need for a center. Unfortunately, sometimes we chose the wrong things to serve as our sun. Some of us, for example, center our lives around our work or our careers or our pursuit of success and material goods. Or we place another person at the center so our lives revolve around our spouse or our kids or some other significant other. As good and as wonderful as those relationships are, they make a poor center. Because as much as we may love them and they may love us, they are only companion planets. They are fallible and can and will (even if only unintentionally) fail us. And of course, given the fragility of life, they can, at any time, disappear.

If we make our lives revolve around another person, we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. And at some point, we will eventually find ourselves spinning out of orbit. In order to have a stable life, our lives need to revolve something more reliable and unchanging around another than another fallen, broken person. As believers, of course, we know what there is only one center large enough and bright enough and stable enough to serve as our sun.

Dee Brestin puts it this way:

Put your trust in God. It sounds simplistic. Often people have a tendency toward depending on others instead of God. They cling too tightly. They don't think they will ever be alone. They tend to make the other person almost like God, and they're shocked when that person either lets them down or dies. How important it is to know that you have a Friend who is closer than a brother, who will never let you down and will never die.

In the end, there is only one suitable center: our relationship with God through Christ. Jesus alone is our proper sun, for He is the one we were created to orbit around. Our relationship with Him, if we have one, is the only thing in our universe that is permanent. It is the one thing that can never ever, be taken away because He has promised to never leave or forsake you. He will always be the secure center that come what may, is big enough and strong to keep you in orbit.

Perhaps that's why Malachi calls Him "The Sun of Righteousness". Or why Hebrews says that He is "the radiance of God's glory" who "sustains all things by His powerful Word". Or why Colossians says that "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together".

Having Christ at the center is the key to remaining in orbit. God's Son is the best Sun!





**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 Larsen	Richard Winter
Janet Lee	Emma Zeager & Family
Jane Lentz	Elizabeth Zerbe
Aaron Merwin	
Devynn Napp-Barker	
Sean Neilson (Navy)	

**Geisinger - Frank Wert (Danville)**

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

**Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter**

**Watson town 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

# ANNIVERSARIES

WILLIAMS, KIMBER & ROSE	5	HULSIZER, RUSS & DEB	17
DAILEY, MARY BETH & GLEN	6	SOLOMON, BARRY & HOLLY	18
RUDY, SAMUEL & RHONDA	11	MILLER, DALE & SHEILA	21
WANDS, TAMI & THANH	11	MULLEN, JOHN & DOLORES	25
MCELWEE, SCOTT & MICHELLE	12	BASTIAN, CHADRICK & SUSAN	26
BASTIAN, DENNIS & LORI	14	LYTLE, CODY & KRISTINA	28
KROLIKOWSKI, STEPHANIE & MATT	16	MILLER, WILLIAM & ANNETTE	28

LISA MCMANUS	1
DAVID GUNDRUM	2
KRISSY LYTLE	3
DIANE DELCAMP	4
CAILYN PFLEEGOR	4
CODY SHRAWDER	4
ASHLEY MILLER	5
JONNI L. MOYER	5
GLENN SNYDER	5
JANE LENTZ	6
ANNETTE WILES	6
CHYANNE EVANS	7
MEGAN SCHRECK	9
JANE VIOLET WERTZ	9
DWAYNE BROWN	10
SAMUEL RUDY	10
BETSY JACK	11
MELINDA KLINE	11
FRED RANCK	11
BARBARA BRANDAU	12
GERALD WERTZ	12
NADINE BAKER	13
ADAM BASTIAN	13
TINA NOLL	13
KATIE STYER	13
KAREN NICKELSON	14
KENDALL SHANNON	14

# BIRTHDAYS

CARRIANN SHULTZ	16
BRADEN SNYDER	17
TYLER CONNOLLY	18
MARY HAUPT	18
DAWN SMITH	18
COLTON STAHLNECKER	18
NANCY GEIGER	19
SAM HAULMAN	19
MARK NASE	20
BARRY BOWERS JR	22
BETTY MECKLEY	22
DONNA REISH	22
CYNTHIA HASSENPLUG	23
LESLIE PORTER	23
CAROL BRANDAU	24
ASHER DERCK	24
SUSAN RUSSELL	24
RUTH LOSS	25
DANA EISLEY	26
SHAWN MCCORMICK	27
SYLAR BROWN	28
ALISSA DETMAN	28
JOE FRANGIONE	28
LARRY LLOYD	28
JENNIFER GATSCHKE	29
ANNETTE MILLER	29
BRENTHA SNYDER	29

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## Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday — 8:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday, Thursday — Please Call First

Church Office: 570-742-2000 ext. 300

Noah's Ark: 570-742-8951

# June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Confirmation Sunday w/Communion	5 5-6pm Community Harvest 6:15-7:15pm Girl Scouts	6	7	8	9	10 Outreach Committee FREE Car Wash 10am - 2pm
11 Honoring our Graduates <b>Church Picnic</b> After Church	12 5-6pm Community Harvest	13 <b>7pm Trustee Meeting</b>	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 5-6pm Community Harvest	20	21 <b>Newsletter Article Deadline</b>	22	23	24
25	26 5-6pm Community Harvest 6-8pm Vacation Bible School	27 6-8pm Vacation Bible School	28 <b>9am Mail Newsletter</b> 6-8pm Vacation Bible School	29 6-8pm Vacation Bible School	30	

# VOLUNTEERS SERVING — June 2023

## Ushers

Larry Lloyd, Chief	
Steve Bennage	Terry Napp
Barry Bowers, Jr.	Debbie Haulman
Richard Neilson	Nate Richie

## Altar Stewards

Debbie Simon & Bertha Frey
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## GREETERS

4	Fred & Debbie Simon
11	Satch & Nancy Shearer
18	Scott & Michelle McElwee
25	Marion Smith & Mary Richie

## LOVE PATROL

4	Debbie Haulman & Frank Stitely
11	Kristina Lytle & Michael Porter
18	Sandee Stitely & Jim Neuer
25	Lisa McManus & Dan Baker

## Financial Stewards

Mona Napp & Shirley Coup
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## ACOLYTES

4	Alivia Ritenour
11	Helen Wertz
18	Layla Richie
25	Kinlee Lytle

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

4	Deb Fox & Logan Coney
11	Michelle McElwee & Danielle Kraus
18	Joann Lloyd & Edith Noaker
25	Crystal Wertz & Delaney Kraus





## **Panther Packs Ministry**

“School’s Out” for the summer!

Here is a big **Thank You** to everyone that has been part of the Panther Packs ministry... from praying to delivery. God Bless You!

See you in the fall.

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

~Panther Packs Committee

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## **SUMMER MUSIC**

There are still openings for  
Special Music for the summer.

If interested,  
please see Julie Blanton

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## **Confirmation CROSS TRAINERS 2023**

On Sunday, June 4th - 8 members of our Middle/High School Youth will be confirmed into church membership during worship service.

You are invited to a time of fellowship at 10am in the Social Hall to congratulate these individuals on successfully completing this study with Pastor Michael.

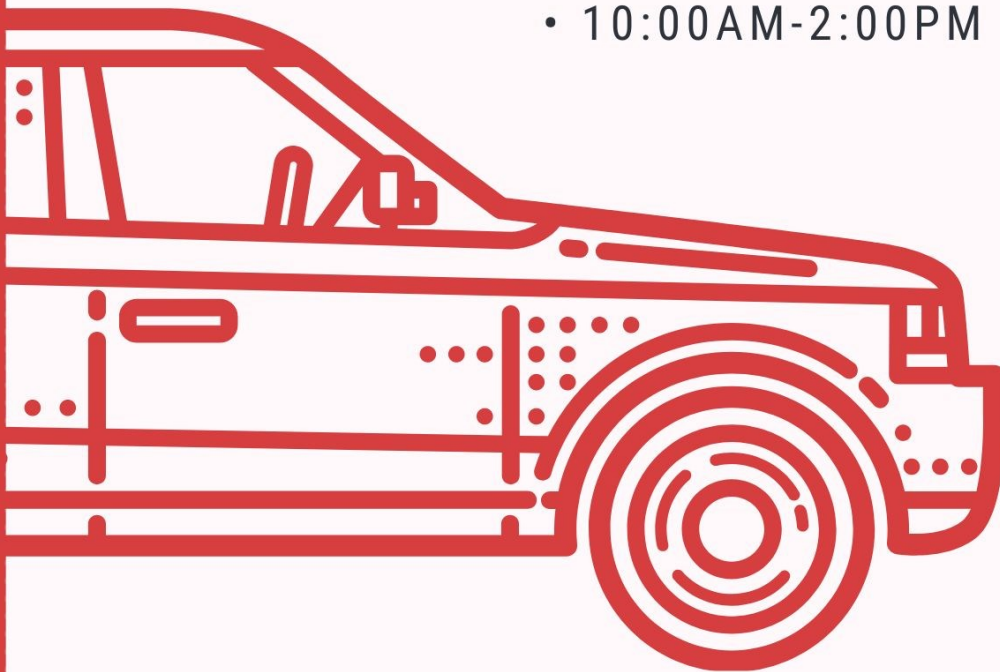


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# FREE CAR WASH

- JUNE 10, 2023
- 10:00AM-2:00PM



Join us this summer for a  
**Bible Boot Camp**



**VBS**



**Report Dates:**

June 26th - 29th

**Report Time:**

6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Post:**

St. Andrews UMC  
Milton, PA

Put on the armor of God so that you can take your stand  
against the devil's schemes!

Ephesians 6:11

Open to children ages 3 - 5th grade!

Register for camp by scanning the QR code below  
by June 16th to save your spot & ensure your t-shirt!

Walk-ins are welcome!



Direct Link for Sign-Up: <https://forms.gle/ydKxdfBBM7Ux2RLb8>

(Print Copies of Sign-Up available on Windowsills)

# Financial Picture

## Finance Committee Update

Last month we mentioned how over the last two years we have all seen increases in our personal monthly expenses and how that has also not only affected us personally, but our Church as well. The last update focused on our utilities expenses, which was the area where we saw the greatest increase. During that two year period we also saw slight increases in our technology (computer and sound/video equipment) updates, office materials, advertising and travel expenses.

Looking at 2023, we see a ten percent increase in our property insurance, which covers both the church and the parsonage. This insurance is through the Susquehanna Conference and the rates are set by them. Our Shares of Ministry (SoM) has also increased by three percent over last year. The SoM amount is set by and paid to the conference from our Mission's account. Other expenses, such as the churches' share of the pastor's health insurance and his pension, are set by the conference. When the budget was prepared for 2023, we did anticipate some of these increases and they are reflected in the budget.

For the first four months of this year, our giving has stayed consistent and the Church continues to meet its obligations. Even though we have met our obligations, it has been at the expense of reducing our checking account balance overall. Our attendance for the first four months has also stayed consistent with an average attendance of 107 parishioners per Sunday.

Please continue to support our Church through your prayers and your financial support.

<i>2023</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>Year-to-date totals</i>
<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>		
Budgeted	23,530.01	94,120.00
Receipts	32,467.28	137,681.79
Expenditures	37,035.87	150,386.89
<b><u>MISSION</u></b>		
Budgeted	4,377.28	17,509.07
Receipts	4,649.08	11,886.42
Expenditures	2,050.00	15,113.76
<b><u>FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)</u></b>		
Receipts	75.00	595.00
Expenditures	0.00	1,579.00
<b><u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u></b>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	253.77	1,015.91
Expenditures	0.00	0.00
<b><u>TRUSTEE</u></b>		
Budgeted	3,341.64	13,366.88
Receipts	2,073.36	6,089.59
Expenditures	16,521.96	21,448.35
Rally Day Receipt. (non-budget)	70.00	100.00
<b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b>		
Budgeted	595.83	2,383.36
Receipts	269.91	1,078.85
Expenditures	39.22	817.97
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>31,844.76</b>	<b>127,379.31</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>39,788.40</b>	<b>158,347.56</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>55,647.05</b>	<b>189,345.97</b>

# Requests by June 4th



**KEEP YOUR GRADUATES IN MIND AND  
KEEP THE CHURCH OFFICE UPDATED!**

**GRADUATES WILL BE  
RECOGNIZED ON JUNE 11th**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATING FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FUTURE PLANS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Please provide the church office with the name of student,  
school / college, degree, future endeavors, pictures, etc.,  
to share in honoring each one.*



Please tear out the section below and place it in the collection plate to RSVP for the Church picnic **by 6/4/23**. The picnic will be held on 6/11/23 at God's Lot after the church service, weather permitting (otherwise in the fellowship hall). Please bring a covered dish to share and a place setting. Chicken, drinks & cake will be provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the Church  
Name(s) Picnic 6/11/23

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_