

St. Andrew's Times

July 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"

July



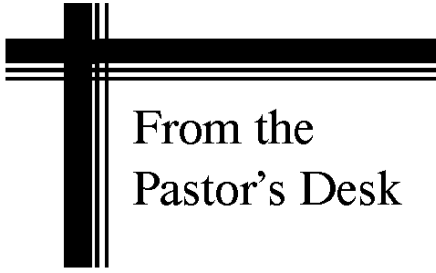
Scripture Reading

Learning to Trust

Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6
Day 2: Psalm 9:9-10
Day 3: Psalm 20:7-8
Day 4: Psalm 112:7
Day 5: Psalm 28:7
Day 6: Proverbs 29:25
Day 7: Proverbs 15:20
Day 8: Joshua 1:9
Day 9: Jeremiah 17:5-6
Day 10: Jeremiah 17:7-8
Day 11: Psalm 31:1-2
Day 12: Psalm 37:3-4
Day 13: Psalm 37:5
Day 14: Psalm 55:22
Day 15: Isaiah 26:3-4
Day 16: Isaiah 40:28-29

Day 17: Isaiah 40:30-31
Day 18: Isaiah 41:10
Day 19: Isaiah 41:13
Day 20: Psalm 118:8-9
Day 21: Psalm 91:1-2
Day 22: Psalm 32:10-11
Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4
Day 24: John 10:27-28
Day 25: John 14:1
Day 26: John 16:33
Day 27: Luke 8:48
Day 28: Luke 11:9-10
Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7
Day 30: Romans 8:28
Day 31: I John 5:14-15

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From the Pastor's Desk

If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our hearts.

1 John 4:20

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us.

Romans 8:37

Have you ever really messed up? Or blown so things so badly that you felt there was no way you could ever make up for what you did? So badly that maybe you even thought about just giving up on yourself?

If so, you should know that you're not alone. As broken people living in a fallen world, all of have our mess up moments. And depending on the size and nature of the mess, it's easy to become discouraged with ourselves and feel as though we've done something irredeemable. Something from which our lives will never recover.

As Christians, however, we should realize that with God, there is nothing and no one that cannot be redeemed. No matter how big a mess we might make of our lives, the Holy Spirit is able to cleanse and restore us.

Consider some of the people in the Bible. Apart from Jesus, almost all the people we admire in Scripture were mess-ups. Isaac deceived his father and cheated his brother out of his inheritance. Moses was a murderer. Samson had his Delilah and David his Bathsheba. Solomon got involved in idolatry. Peter denied Jesus three times. Paul persecuted the early Church, going as far as participating in the killing of the first Christian martyr, Stephen.

Pretty substantial mess ups, by anyone's standards. And yet God didn't give up on any of these people. Somehow, God found a way to reach into the messes they had created to bring order out of chaos and redeem what seemed irredeemable.

At the heart of the Gospel is the Good News that no matter how badly we may have blown it or how grievous our sin, in Christ, no failure is fatal. And no failure is final. In Christ, we are never beyond hope. Because in Christ, all sins can be forgiven, all the past can be redeemed, and all messes can be cleaned up.

And the marvelous thing is that God is able to do it even if we have given up on ourselves. 1 John 4:20 says, "*If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our hearts....*" God's Grace trumps our self-condemnation. While you may not be able to forgive yourself for the things you've done, guess what? God's not waiting around for you to work through those issues! In Christ, He's already pardoned you. That's why Paul says in Romans 8:1, Therefore there is *now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus*. How much condemnation is there for you if you're in Christ? None. And when does this state of not being condemned happen? At some point in the future when your heart is able to stop condemning you? No. It's *now*. God is greater than our heart. Greater than our self-condemnation. Greater than our past. Greater than our mess ups.

That's why He's God.

And we're not!

Grace and Peace,



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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

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 6:00 Outreach Meeting 6:30 Float Meeting	11 7:00 Trustee Meeting	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 August Newsletter Article Deadline	20	21	22 God's Lot, Pavilion Kitchen, Social Hall and Gym - In Use All Day
23	24	25 6:00 SPPRC Meeting	26 9:00am Mailing August Newsletter	27	28	29
30	31	<p>Email: saumc@ptd.net Website: saumcmilton.org Facebook: facebook.com/standrewsumcmilton</p>				

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

Buffalo Valley N&R - Linda Hackenberg

ProMedica Skilled N&R- Frank Wert (Jersey Shore)

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

Riverwoods- Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter, Sylvia Smith (Rehab)

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

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



SUMMER MUSIC

There are still openings for
Special Music for the summer.

If interested,
please see Julie Blanton

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Nancy Geiger	2	Sam & Debbie Haulman	16
Rusty & Denise Baker	3	Jerry & Linda McKee	16
Craig & Mary Richie	7	Michael & Jessica Snyder	17
Ralph & Karen Croman	10	Terry & Kay Mathias	19
Todd & Tina Noll	10	David & Susan Miller	20
Donald & Virginia Wirth	10	Richard & Gloria McSwain	29
Gary & Elaine Lloyd	11	Dale & Lou Ann Sheets	29

AMBER KATALINAS	1
MICHAEL KEEFER	1
KAREN HERMAN	2
RANDY SCHORR	2
BRAXSON BAKER	3
JOHN MECKLEY	3
DEVYNN NAPP-BARKER	3
RICHARD NOAKER	3
MARY RICHIE	3
RYAN BASTIAN	5
BILL GIBSON	6
SUE OVERDORF	6
JERRY MCKEE	7
WILLARD PAUL	7
BRYCE KURTZ	9
RICH NEILSON	9
SHIRLEY WEISENBERGER	9
SANDRA FULTZ	10
GAVIN GESSNER	10
JERRY WILVER	10
ALEXIS NEUER	11
ANDI FETZER	12
JEAN HAUSE	13
BECKY NAPP	13

BIRTHDAYS

GAGE NEWTON	13		
NICHOLAS FRITZINGER	14		
JESSICA RITENOUR	14	CHASE MITCH	24
AIREKA TALLENT	14	WANDA WALLS	24
MICHAEL COUP	15	JASMINE ZEAGER	24
TAMI WANDS	16	MARY DICK	25
CATELYN KNEPPER	17	CHRISTOPER KLINE	25
KAY MATHIAS	17	LINDA THOMAS	25
CAROLE MITCHELL	18	LINDSAY DUNKLE	26
JOAN SAMPSELL	18	TRAVIS FETZER	26
CHARLES FAMA	19	MADELINE BOWERS	27
ELLEANA MCCONNELL	19	CHARLES GUNDRUM	27
DENISE TILL	19	LAMAR KEEFER	28
CASSIDY NEILSON	20	MICHELE PIJANOWSKI	28
GARY RUTE	20	MELISSA RITTER	28
ANDREW SNYDER	20	MICHAEL MCMANUS	29
BRADEN BASTIAN	22	BRYAN NOAKER	29
RODNEY BLANTON	22	MINDY BARRETT	30
KELLY EVERITT	22	SHAREN COUP	30
MARK SHEARER	22	DEXTER DUNKLE	30
STEPHANIE EISLEY	23	MICHAEL SIMON	30
REYNA RIVERA	23	SUSAN SLOTHER	30
		NELSON WERTZ	30
		TIM HIPPENSTEEL	31
		RACHAEL MERWIN	31
		DAWN SNYDER	31

VOLUNTEERS SERVING — July 2023

Ushers

Gary Fullmer, Chief	
Richard Snyder	Leslie Porter
Dave Miller	Dennis Delcamp
Lee Shreck	Bob Layton

Altar Stewards

Marion Smith & Carol Layton

GREETERS

2	Cindy & Bob Snyder
9	Deb & Fred Simon
16	Nancy & Satch Shearer
23	Michelle & Scott McElwee
30	Marion Smith

LOVE PATROL

2	Leslie Porter & Barry Bowers, Jr.
9	Lisa McManus & Sam Haulman
16	Debbie Haulman & Dan Baker
23	Kristina Lytle & Frank Stitely
30	Sandee Stitely & Michael Porter

Financial Stewards

Carol Layton, Debbie Simon, & Sharon Wert

ACOLYTES

2	Jane Wertz
9	Layla Richie
16	Kinlee Lytle
23	TBA
30	TBA

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

2	Lauren Richie & Crystal Wertz
9	Deb Fox & Debbie Haulman
16	Lara/Claire Dick & Chloe Bastian
23	Logan Coney & Delaney Kraus
30	Krissy Lytle & Lauren Richie



Financial Picture

2023	May	Year-to-date totals
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	23,953.65	119,768.37
Receipts	33,296.23	170,978.02
Expenditures	33,183.43	183,375.47
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,373.91	21,869.66
Receipts	3,234.29	15,120.71
Expenditures	6,252.60	21,366.36
<u>FAITH PROMISE</u> (non-budget)		
Receipts	160.00	755.00
Expenditures	0.00	1,579.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	254.47	1,270.38
Expenditures	0.00	0.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	3,341.64	16,708.52
Receipts	1,247.80	7,337.39
Expenditures	423.80	21,872.15
Rally Day Receipt. (non-budget)	145.00	245.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	595.83	2,979.19
Receipts	528.52	1,607.37
Expenditures	1,217.22	2,035.19
Total Budget	32,265.03	161,325.74
Total Receipts	38,721.31	197,068.87
Total Expenditures	41,077.05	230,228.17