

# St. Andrew's Times

**September 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"**

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# September

## Scripture Reading



# Finding Your Purpose

Day 1: Philippians 2:12-13

Day 2: Romans 8:28

Day 3: Psalm 37:4

Day 4: 2 Timothy 1:9

Day 5: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 6: Romans 12:1-2

Day 7: Jeremiah 1:4-5

Day 8: Matthew 6:33

Day 9: Hebrews 11:8-9

Day 10: Psalm 32:8

Day 11: Luke 16:10

Day 12: Acts 9:6

Day 13: Isaiah 43:7

Day 14: Acts 1:8

Day 15: Isaiah 6:8

Day 16: Proverbs 16:9

Day 17: Proverbs 11:14

Day 18: Hebrews 10:24-25

Day 19: Jeremiah 29:11

Day 20: Proverbs 16:3

Day 21: Ephesians 2:10

Day 22: Exodus 9:16

Day 23: Esther 4:14

Day 24: Romans 12:3-8

Day 25: 1 Cor 12:4-11

Day 26: 1 Peter 4:10-11

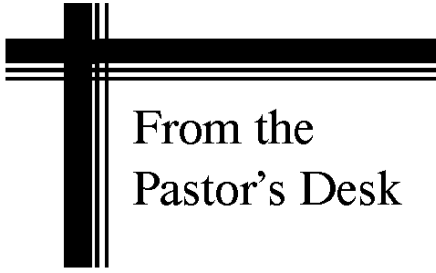
Day 27: Ephesians 4:11-12

Day 28: Genesis 50:20

Day 29: 2 Samuel 22:29-31

Day 30: James 1:5

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## From the Pastor's Desk

"Forgetting those things which are behind . . . I press toward the goal."

—Philippians 3:13-14

I skate to where the puck will be, not where it has been.

—Wayne Gretzky

Recently I read a (likely fictional) tale of a man faced with a monumental decision. For several months he had gradually been losing his memory and went to his doctor seeking help. After a thorough exam, his doctor explained he was suffering from a very rare condition that if left untreated would eventually result in complete long-term memory loss. The physician then suggested a form of brain surgery that could possibly reverse his condition and restore his memory. He warned, however, that this particular operation was quite delicate and that during the course of the procedure, there was a distinct possibility a critical nerve might be severed, resulting in total blindness.

"So," the physician concluded, *"the choice is yours. What would you rather have? Your sight or your memory?"* The man pondered the question for several minutes, then finally replied, *"My sight, because I would rather see where I am going than remember where I have been."*

Thankfully none of us will likely ever be confronted with the decision this man had to make. But as Paul indicates Philippians 3, in a metaphorical sense, every Christian who wants to grow in Christ must make a similar choice: to focus what lies ahead or dwell on what lies behind.

In Philippians 3, Paul speaks of having faced this dilemma on focusing on where he been (his past) or where, by God's grace, he was headed in the future. And he makes it clear what his choice was. His past, with all its successes and its shames, he chose to forget. Instead of dwelling on where he'd been, he chose to look ahead to where he was going. What mattered most to him, he said, was keeping his eyes on the goal of gaining Christ's approval.

Paul was mindful of the fact that according to the promises in His Word, God does not remember our past. If we are faithful to confess our sins, we're assured that God will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In other words, God erases them from His memory. As Micah 7 says, God cast the into the sea of forgetfulness so that, as Hebrews 8 puts it, God "remembers them no more."

At the same time, the Bible constantly assures us that God has a wonderful future for all who love Him. It's a future so glorious that according to I Corinthians 2, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

The mindset the man modeled in our story is the same as that of Paul. And a mark of Christian maturity. To continue to grow spiritually, we have to be willing to look for the new things God is working to develop in our lives. And, if Jesus is truly Lord of our life, we can always look forward to what He is leading us toward, knowing He's in charge and will bless us from His abundant riches in Christ (Philippians 4:19)!

What will we choose?  
To see or to remember?



# **Panther Packs Ministry**

August is the official starting month for the Milton School District. Yep, I am sure the kids are thinking, “Didn’t we just get out of school for the summer?”. That also means that we are getting ready for a new year of ministry for the Panther Pack ministry.

We are restocking the shelves getting ready for school to start. September, which is the month we actually start to deliver meals, will be here shortly and we want to be ready for the first packing. Here are the items we are looking for:

Food Items:

Ramen Noodles	Canned Pasta (Pop Top Lid)	Soup, Stew, Chili
Fruit Cups	Individual Sized Boxes of Cereal	Cereal Bars
Applesauce Cups	Pudding Cups	Oatmeal Packs
Tuna Packs	Pop Tarts	Mac and Cheese (Individual Cup)
Granola Bars	Breakfast Bars	Small Cans of Chicken

The committee is recommitting to providing nutritious weekend meals to the children of the Milton Elementary schools. Pray for a great year of ministry and that the kids’ lives are touched by the generosity of the community.

Here is the first half of the year’s packing schedule.

Month	# of Wks.	Prepack (1:00)	Set Up (1:00)	Packing (6:00)	School Pick Ups
September	3	9/5/2023	9/12/2023	9/13/2023	09/14, 20, 27
October	4	9/26/2023	10/3/2023	10/4/2023	10/05, 12, 19, 24
November	4	10/24/2023	10/31/2023	11/1/2023	11/02, 09, 16, 30
December	3	11/28/2023	12/5/2023	12/6/2023	12/07, 14, 20

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

**Panther Packs Committee**



Psalm 98: 4-5 "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing"

And that is what we are preparing to do, to sing to the Lord and make a jubilant noise! Do you want to help us praise the Lord in song? Then join us in the choir! Anyone from middle school age through senior citizen is welcome. Our rehearsals are on Thursday evenings downstairs in the choir room starting at 7:15pm (except our first two rehearsals, which will be WED September 6 & 13 at 7pm!) You do not need any vocal training or a degree in music to join - just a willingness to learn and the desire to sing to the Lord!

We look forward to seeing YOU there!

Naomi Reed

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Greetings!

I hope all have enjoyed a relaxing summer season filled with vacations and fun filled activities.



Following the 2022 Advent Season, we experienced a number of open ringer positions that we were unable to fill with personnel. Over the last several months, I have been engaged in conversation with individuals and families at St. Andrew's and a few folks I have an association representing the larger Milton Communities to prayerfully consider participating in our ministry. I have also reached out to Pastor Wayne Kerstetter, the new minister at Trinity and Faith UMC to consider an invitation for a few of his talented member-musicians to partner with us in our bell choir ministry.

We will hold our first meeting of the new season on Thursday, September 21st at 6:00pm in the Music Room to plan as we move forward.

Blessings,

Kimber Williams

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Tuesday, Thursday — Please Call First

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Noah's Ark: 570-742-8951

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 5:00-5:45pm Community Harvest	5	6 7:00pm Adult Choir	7	8	9 Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts Volunteers needed for Church Stand
10	11 5:00-5:45pm Community Harvest 7:00-10:00pm Pops Concert Practice	12 1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up <b>7:00pm Trustee Mtg</b> 7:00-10:00pm Pops Concert Practice	13 <b>6:00pm Panther Packs</b> 7:00pm Adult Choir	14 7:00pm Milton Harvest Festival Pops Concert	15	16 Harvest Festival Parade Day! Volunteers needed to walk with float
17	18 5:00-5:45pm Community Harvest	19 Concert Practice	20 <b>Oct. Newsletter Article Deadline</b>	21 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:15pm Adult Choir	22	23
24	25 5:00-5:45pm Community Harvest	26	27 <b>9:00am Mail Oct. Newsletter</b>	28 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:15pm Adult Choir	29	30





New Adult Sunday School Offerings:

Starting 8/27 - **B.A.S.I.C.** will spend the quarter focused on prayer and doing work around the church. “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” James 2:26 **All are welcome** to join us as we meet to reflect on scripture, lift up prayers and then work on projects around the church.

Starting Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am join us for a Bible study on Genesis (chapters 1-11). The story found in Genesis changed the world! It introduces us to most of the great doctrines of the Bible and without it we wouldn’t understand man’s current relationship with God and our need for redemption. This Sunday School class will meet in Room 205 (balcony). If you are interested in attending, please contact Ginny Shreck at 570-742-3359.

# ANNIVERSARIES

GIBSON, BILL & ROSE	1
THOMAS, LESLIE & BONNIE	5
BAKER, DANIEL & SANDY	8
BRANDAU, BARBARA & LEE	13
COUP, SHAREN & RANDY	16
SNYDER, C. ROBERT & CINDY	18
FAMA, CHARLES & MARLENE	21
STOKES, LISA & BOBBY	23
SHRECK, LEE & GINNY	25
GUNDRUM, DAVID & TAMMY	27
ANDRICKAK, KIM & GREG	28
KOCH, KEITH & DEBBIE	28
ZARTMAN, ROBERT & JEAN	29



# BIRTHDAYS

LARRY EMERY	1	CHLOE BASTIAN	16
NADILEE MITCH	1	REBA ROHRER	16
DALE MURRAY	2	TAYLOR SNYDER	16
ROBERT RIEHL	3	TONYA TURNBAUGH	16
AMY BURD	4	RYAN ULP	16
ROBERTA CORNELIUS	4	JULIE NEILSON	17
TRAVIS LLOYD	4	CARL REISH	17
BRADLY STYER	4	DILLON STOKES	17
JOSHUA ROYER	5	JOANN LLOYD	18
SCOTT VINCENT	5	KIM MULLIN	18
MARY SHOWERS	7	KAYLA WANDS	18
BOB SNYDER	7	TONYA NOLL	21
NOAH FAULKINER	8	RAYMOND RANCK, SR	21
BARRY SOLOMON	8	TERRIE BAKER	23
HARLOW HITESMAN	9	GLEN YOUNG, IV	23
SCOTT MCELWEE	9	TODD NOLL	25
SANDIE HASSINGER	10	MARY BETH DAILEY	26
BOB SMITH	10	PEGGY DUGAN	26
TARA WANDS	10	STEPHANIE KROLIKOWSKI	26
DONALD GEIGER	11	JUDITH PURSELL	26
TERRY NAPP	11	NATALIE WILES	26
AVA REICHNER	11	BROOKE GESSNER	27
RHONDA RUDY	11	KATHY SMITH	27
EMMERSON BAKER	12	JUSTIN BAKER	28
JAIDEN MEADE	12	KAREN CROMAN	28
SHARON SNOOK	12	GRETCHEN FULLMER	29
HAYDEN SNYDER	12	RON KOCHER	29
RANDALL KURTZ	13	DEE MULLEN	29
BEN RICE	13	MICHAEL NAPP	29
BRANDON SOLOMON	14	THOMAS BENNAGE	30

## *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	Michael S. Royer
Randy Coup	Jane Lentz	Dale & Lou Ann Sheets
Diane Delcamp	Richard & Gloria McSwain	Fred Simon
Ruth Eisley	Aaron Merwin	Sylvia Smith
Larry Emery	Gary Mitchell	Glenn & Ida Snyder
David Everitt (Navy)	Devynn Napp-Barker	Pastor Michael Stine
Marlene Fama	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Sharon & Corey Wert
Peggy Fullmer	Edith Noaker	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Don & Nancy Geiger	Helen Phillips	Richard Winter
Sylvia Hendricks	Judy Pursell	Emma Zeager & Family
Denise Larsen	Fred Ranck	Elizabeth Zerbe
	Robert Riehl	

**Celebration Villa (Lewisburg) - Shirley Wilver**

**UPMC (Williamsport) - Anna Young**

**Health South (Danville) - Linda Emery**

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

**Riverwoods- Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter**

**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



*Members Recently Lost:*

*Linda Hackenberg - 7/15/23*

*Frank Wert - 7/26/23*

# VOLUNTEERS SERVING — September 2023

## Ushers

Larry Lloyd, Chief	
Steve Bennage	Deb Haulman
Richard Neilson	Nate Richie
Dennis Delcamp	Richard Snyder

## Altar Stewards

Karen Croman & Danielle Kraus
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## GREETERS

3	Steve Bennage
10	Krissy & Cody Lytle
17	Bonnie Thomas
24	Mercy Gray

## LOVE PATROL

3	Krissy Lytle & Sam Haulman
10	Leslie Porter & Dan Baker
17	Krissy Lytle & Frank Stitely
24	Sandee Stitely & Jim Neuer

## Financial Stewards

Mona Napp & Shirley Coup
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## ACOLYTES

3	Helen Wertz
10	Alivia Ritenour
17	Claire Dick
24	Grant Richie

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

3	Danielle Kraus & Logan Coney
10	Crystal Wertz & Leslie Porter
17	Nathan Richie & Debbie Haulman
24	Deb Fox & Alivia Ritenour





St. Andrew's children will need a new Sunday School teacher beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>. If anyone is interested in teaching either Pre k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, please let Crystal Wertz know.



All Youth interested in learning how to acolyte are invited to a training meeting on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> after church.

Dear Friends of St. Andrew's,

Surrounded by your prayers, I was deeply blessed during my recent hospital stay and surgery.

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers as I have been recovering these past months.

Many thanks, Pastor Michael for your kind visits during my week in the hospital.

The Lord is good. I thank Him for His healing power and for walking with me when my path took this turn.

Again, thanks from my heart for talking to the Lord on my behalf.

Gratefully,

Edith Noaker



To Our Church Family,

The last ten months for Frankie was terrible. He put up a good fight but the infection was the breaking point in the end. Corey and I would like to thank Pastor Michael & David for the many visits to see him, for all the prayers, concerns & cards. Pastor Michael had a beautiful service for him. Frankie always loved to hear Danny Brown sing and he done a wonderful job for the service. Darren & Julie for playing. The team that put the luncheon on done a terrific job everyone remarked how nice it was. Everything was beautiful. I hope I made Frankie proud. We will need your continued prayers for Corey and I to help us through this time in our journey.

Many Thank You's - In Christ Name,

Sharon & Corey Wert

# Financial Picture

2023	July 2023	Year-to-date totals
<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>		
Budgeted	23,953.69	167,675.75
Receipts (Includes loan from Capital Imp. account)	72,075.27	307,569.07
Expenditures	65,183.46	311,462.46
<b><u>MISSION</u></b>		
Budgeted	4,373.95	30,617.56
Receipts	2,458.11	20,859.87
Expenditures	2,415.00	26,830.78
<b><u>FAITH PROMISE</u> (non-budget)</b>		
Receipts	125.00	945.00
Expenditures	300.00	1,879.00
<b><u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u></b>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	254.13	1,778.59
Expenditures (Loan to current fund)	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b><u>TRUSTEE</u></b>		
Budgeted	3,341.64	23,391.80
Receipts	602.51	9,542.48
Expenditures	1,408.37	26,560.26
Rally Day Receipt. (non-budget)	0.00	245.00
<b><u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u></b>		
Budgeted	595.83	4,170.85
Receipts	556.02	2,892.71
Expenditures	1,198.54	3,618.86
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>32,265.11</b>	<b>225,855.96</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>76,071.04</b>	<b>343,587.72</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>80,505.37</b>	<b>380,351.36</b>