

St. Andrew's Times

November 2023

ST ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

102 LOWER MARKET STREET; MILTON, PA 17847

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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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Scripture Reading

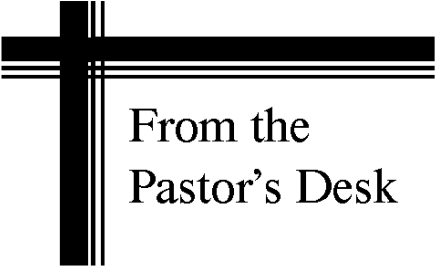
November

A Heart of Gratitude and Thanksgiving



- Day 1: 1 Thess 5:16-18
- Day 2: Colossians 3:15
- Day 3: Colossians 3:16-17
- Day 4: 1 Chron 29:10-11
- Day 5: 1 Chron 29:12-13
- Day 6: 1 Chron 29:14-15
- Day 7: Psalm 9:1-2
- Day 8: Psalm 69:30
- Day 9: Psalm 79:13
- Day 10: Psalm 106:1-2
- Day 11: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 12: Ephesians 5:19-20
- Day 13: Colossians 1:12-14
- Day 14: Colossians 2:6-7
- Day 15: Colossians 4:2
- Day 16: Jonah 2:9
- Day 17: 1 Chron 16:8-9
- Day 18: 1 Chron 16:34
- Day 19: Psalm 118:1-2
- Day 20: Psalm 118:3-4
- Day 21: Psalm 118:5-6
- Day 22: Psalm 118:28-29
- Day 23: Psalm 136:1-2
- Day 24: Psalm 136:23-24
- Day 25: Psalm 136:25-26
- Day 26: Psalm 100:1-3
- Day 27: Psalm 100:4-5
- Day 28: Hebrews 13:15
- Day 29: Revelations 5:11-12
- Day 30: Revelations 5:13-14

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SAUMC@PTD.NET or 570-742-2000 ext. 300**



From the Pastor's Desk

During my graduate studies, one of my areas of concentration was the Holocaust. Among other things, this involved reading accounts of those who survived the unspeakable horrors of the Nazi concentration camps. While it was a soul-piercing experience to read these records of cruelty and suffering, I also found that many to be profoundly illuminating in spiritual terms, containing numerous examples of grace, redemption, and goodness.

I recently came across an observation by Julius Segal that struck me as completely accurate. He notes that in studying the accounts of Holocaust victims, he observed:

an attitude of determined giving was one of the things that distinguished the survivors from those who perished. If a prisoner was on the verge of starvation, but he had a crust of bread or a scrap of potato that he could share with his comrade in suffering, he was psychologically and spiritually capable of surviving. A survivor of Treblinka put it this way: "In our group we shared everything, and the moment one of the group ate something without sharing it, we knew it was the beginning of the end of for him.

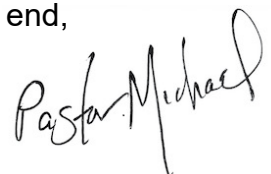
It may come as a bit of a shock to learn that the practice of determined, purposeful giving could actually make the difference between living and dying. But we are finding other evidence of the same truth. For example, a University of Michigan study found that "people who reported providing no help to others were more than twice as likely to die as people who were generous, and gave help to others". Another study by Harvard's George Vaillant reached similar conclusions.

I doubt any of this would have come as a surprise to Jesus. After all, on several occasions He told His followers that there is a direct correlation between giving and living. As He once said, "Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve it." According to Jesus, the paradox of the spiritual life is that if we try to cling to and keep life for ourselves, it will eventually slip through our fingers. The only way to hold on to life is by giving it away. Of course, Jesus not only taught this principle, He demonstrated it. As a result of refusing to cling to His own life, but willingly laying it down for others, He was "highly exalted" and "given the name that is above every other name" (Philippians 2:5-11).

When Jesus taught this fundamental truth that we need to "give to live" (as an old Van Halen song put it!), he wasn't primarily referring to prolonging our physical life. He was referring to genuine life: our spiritual life. Purposeful, determined giving is indispensable if we want to live and thrive spiritually. Hycel Taylor of Northwestern University put it this way:

Generosity not only contributes to physical longevity, but spiritual longevity as well. I think the Bible teaches us that when you are giving out that which God has given you, you also release life, so that life can go on and on. The way you get beyond material things is to give it away. "When people hold on to what they have, nothing more can come into them. There is nothing on the earth that has not always been here. There is no ownership. The Bible teaches us to be in the world and not of the world. The moment you do that, you die spiritually.

During this month of giving thanks, as we reflect on God's amazing grace to us, perhaps we would do well to remember those who suffered and survived the evil and horrors of the Death Camps. Remember and celebrate anew the truth that as Jesus Himself demonstrated, the path to life is the path of giving our life away. The truth that in Christ, far from being the end, giving is actually the beginning of the beginning!



Panther Packs Ministry

Your help is essential to this ministry.

Here are the packing details for next two months packing:

Month	# of Wks.	Prepack	Set Up	Packing	School Pick Ups
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, 19

Food items we need. Here is the list.

Ramen Noodles	Canned Pasta (Pop Top Lid)	Soup, Stew, Chili (Sm. Container with Pop Top Lid)
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

Help... We are still looking for individuals, who can be in a monthly rotation, to meet the school representative to load the bins into his van. This is weekly, usually on Thursday (For example: see "School Pick Up" dates on schedule above). This takes about 15 to 20 minutes You must be able to lift approximately 25 pounds. If you can help with this, please see Dave Miller.

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

Panther Packs Committee

THE MILTON MINISTERIUM INVITES YOU
TO AN EVENING OF WORSHIP AT OUR

PRE-THANKSGIVING

CONCERT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER

12TH, 6:00PM

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THE CONCERT WILL BE LOCATED AT:

SAINT ANDREWS UMC
102 LOWER MARKET ST
MILTON, PA 17847



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER

Due: November 26th, 2023



Red Poinsettia:	_____ x \$8.50
Amount Enclosed:	

Poinsettia 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, November 26, 2023
Available for pick-up after Christmas Eve Service**

November

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6pm Panther Packs	2 6pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saint's Day w/Communion 10am Children's Choir Practice *Fellowship Meal after church*	6 5-5:45 Community Harvest	7	8 6pm – Social Hall/Kitchen Reserved	9 7:15pm Adult Choir	10	11
12 10am Children's Choir Practice 6-8pm Ministerium Free Community Concert	13 5-5:45 Community Harvest 7pm Ad Council Mtg	14 7pm Trustee Mtg	15 Newsletter Article Deadline	16 6pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	17	18
19 Food Bank Sunday 10am Children's Choir Practice 3pm - Cluster Charge Conference	20 5-5:45 Community Harvest	21 6pm – SPPR Meeting	22 9am Mail Newsletter	23 	24	25
26 10am Children's Choir Practice	27 5-5:45 Community Harvest	28	29 7pm Adult Choir	30 6pm Girl Scouts	 Save The Date: Saturday, December 2nd 1:00pm—Decorate Church Sunday, December 3rd Hanging of the Christmas	

Notes:

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 Noah's Ark: 570-742-8951

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 Facebook: facebook.com/standrewsumcmilton

ANNIVERSARIES

Brown, Dwayne & Lucille	7	Smith, Bob & Barbara	18
Bowers, Russell & Julie	13	Snyder, Glenn & Ida	23
Cook, Tony & Linda	13	Noaker, Richard & Edith	25
Stahlnecker, Dale & Michele	15	Dunkle, Michael & Jill	28
Yount, Donald & Jean	16	Reish, Carl & Donna	28

BIRTHDAYS

SUSAN BASTIAN	1	LINDA EMERY	14
SHARON ZELLERS	1	RICHARD SNYDER	14
BECKY DERR	2	SHANE MCELWEE	15
MELISSA MUSSER	4	JADAN MOORE	15
ELLA FETZER	5	DEB HULSIZER	16
COLTEN PFLEEGOR	6	CIERRA NEILSON	16
DEBORAH FOX	7	HELEN ROSE WERTZ	16
CHARLENE HEDDINGS	7	SEAN NEILSON	17
PAUL SHELLENBERGER	7	TIA MITCH	18
FRED SIMON	7	MONA NAPP	18
CASIE BAKER	8	MARION H. SMITH	18
CHRIS HENA	8	ANGELA SHIVELY	19
BROOKLYNN MILLER	8	BOBBI EARNEST	20
CAROL MITCH	8	LOIS WAGNER	20
NATHAN RICHIE	8	SYLVIA HENDRICKS	21
THIA SNYDER	8	MICHAEL S. ROYER	21
DANA WILCOX	8	VIOLA WILVER	21
LEE YOCUM, II	8	SHIRLEY YOCUM	21
BONNIE LLOYD	9	WAYNE HEDDINGS	22
STACIE GETGEN	10	GINNY SHRECK	23
KATIE NICKELSON	10	WENDY HALL	24
ROBERT LAYTON	11	JOE ZEAGER	24
LEE SHRECK	11	ELLEN EDSALL	25
TONY COOK	12	PAISLEY ZEAGER	25
DAVID STAHL	12	NEAL HOUSNER	26
ALICE STRAUB	12	RICHARD WINTER	27
ANDREW PFLEEGOR	13	DARLENE MCCORMICK	28
		DENNIS BASTIAN	29

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

Geisinger (Danville) - Corey Wert

Celebration Villa (Lewisburg) - Shirley Wilver

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

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

Changes to this list should be given to the office



Next Fellowship Meal: Sunday, November 5th

(Chicken Pot Pie / Ham Pot Pie)

Please RSVP by Oct. 29th: _____

VOLUNTEERS SERVING — November 2023

Ushers

David Stahl, Chief	
Jeff Diggan	Deborah Simon
Samuel Haulman	Barry Bowers, Jr.
Dan Baker	Richard Snyder

Altar Stewards

Terry & Mona Napp

GREETERS

5	Fred & Deb Simon
12	Marion Smith
19	Mary Richie
26	Arnie Wilver



LOVE PATROL

5	Lisa McManus & Jim Neuer
12	Sandee Stitely & Barry Bowers, Jr.
19	Leslie Porter & Sam Haulman
26	Kristina Lytle & Michael Porter

Financial Stewards

Mercy Gray, Debbie Haulman & Dave Miller
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ACOLYTES

5	Alivia Ritenour
12	Claire Dick
19	Grant Richie
26	Casey Jo Lytle

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

5	Michelle McElwee & Chloe Bastian
12	Deb Fox & Alivia Ritenour
19	Lara Dick, Claire Dick & Chloe Bastian
26	Kristina Lytle & Lauren Richie

Volunteer Trainings for ALL

If you are a veteran volunteer or a newbie; we would like to invite you attend one of our updated training sessions for Golden Rule Love In the Name of Christ. We will be going over our vision for the service area and how we can best serve the needs within. Your input to our ministry is valuable and important to us.

There are three training sessions open for your convience. Each session will run for one and a half hours from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Please RSVP for the session of your choice to our office:

570-742-3561 THANK YOU!

Thursday, October 26 at
Crossroads Church of the Nazarene

71 Nazarene Ln Milton, PA 17847



Thursday, November 2 at
Grace Covenant Church

99 Café Lane, Middleburg, PA 17842



Saturday, November 4th at
Emmanuel Bible Fellowship

967 Mile Hill Rd, Sunbury, PA 17801



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date:	Details:	Time:
Nov 5th	Reg. Youth	6-8pm
Nov 12th	Service Project Community Concert @ Church 6-8pm	Details to Follow
Nov 19th	Church Conference	NO YOUTH
Nov 26th	Thanksgiving Weekend	NO YOUTH

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Get **CONNECTED**

<https://www.remind.com/join/9228b7>

Financial Picture

2023	September 2023	Year-to-date totals
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	23,953.69	215,583.13
Receipts (Includes loan from Capital Imp. account)	54,615.75	443,650.87
Expenditures	57,136.09	451,574.54
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,373.91	39,365.46
Receipts	3,750.84	29,542.44
Expenditures	6,199.13	36,440.73
<u>FAITH PROMISE</u> (non-budget)		
Receipts	65.00	1,100.00
Expenditures	00.00	1,879.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	3.18	1,785.17
Expenditures (Loan to current fund)	0.00	10,000.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	3,341.64	30,075.08
Receipts	102.02	9,756.94
Expenditures	1,872.99	31,432.45
Rally Day Receipt. (non-budget)	0.00	255.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	595.83	5,362.51
Receipts	356.76	3,973.45
Expenditures	197.65	3,932.43
Total Budget	32,265.07	290,386.18
Total Receipts	58,893.55	489,808.87
Total Expenditures	65,405.86	535,259.15

Concerning Missions: Faith Promise. What is it?

Faith Promise was established under a former minister. There were Christian outreaches that the church wanted to support but not through missions' funds. The way for our church to do that was to have members give a donation to that organization through our church. At the time members voluntarily filled out a pledge to give each month. Even though a monthly pledge is no longer needed, giving still is. What ever you feel you would like to donate for the month or week or during the year is what you know you can give from your funds.

Mark on your church envelope or use another envelope and please write on it Faith Promise and the amount. All the donations received for Faith Promise are and divided equally among the Faith Promise Organizations: Love, Inc., Noah's Ark, Child Evangelism of Northumberland County, Expectations Women's Center (formerly Pregnancy Care Center) (We have not been able to connect with the Central Pennsylvania Youth Group. They have not responded and are not currently in our area.)