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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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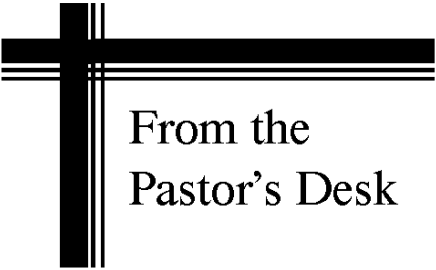
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SCRIPTURE READING

- January 1 - Day 1 - Luke 5:27-39; Genesis 1:1-2:25; Psalm 1
- January 2 - Day 2 - Luke 6:1-26; Genesis 3-5; Psalm 2
- January 3 - Day 3 - Luke 6:27-49; Genesis 6:1-7:24; Psalm 3
- January 4 - Day 4 - Luke 7:1-17; Genesis 8-10; Psalm 4
- January 5 - Day 5 - Luke 7:18-50; Genesis 11; Psalm 5
- January 6 - Day 6 - Luke 8:1-25; Genesis 12; Psalm 6
- January 7 - Day 7 - Luke 8:26-56; Genesis 13:1-14:24; Psalm 7
- January 8 - Day 8 - Luke 9:1-27; Genesis 15; Psalm 8
- January 9 - Day 9 - Luke 9:28-62; Genesis 16; Psalm 9
- January 10 - Day 10 - Luke 10:1-20; Genesis 17; Psalm 10
- January 11 - Day 11 - Luke 10:21-42; Genesis 18; Psalm 11
- January 12 - Day 12 - Luke 11:1-28; Genesis 19; Psalm 12
- January 13 - Day 13 - Luke 11:29-54; Genesis 20; Psalm 13
- January 14 - Day 14 - Luke 12:1-31; Genesis 21; Psalm 14
- January 15 - Day 15 - Luke 12:32-59; Genesis 22; Psalm 15
- January 16 - Day 16 - Luke 13:1-17; Genesis 23; Psalm 16
- January 17 - Day 17 - Luke 13:18-35; Genesis 24; Psalm 17
- January 18 - Day 18 - Luke 14:1-24; Genesis 25; Psalm 18
- January 19 - Day 19 - Luke 14:25-35; Genesis 26; Psalm 19
- January 20 - Day 20 - Luke 15; Genesis 27:1-45; Psalm 20
- January 21 - Day 21 - Luke 16; Genesis 27:46-28:22; Psalm 21
- January 22 - Day 22 - Luke 17; Genesis 29:1-30; Psalm 22
- January 23 - Day 23 - Luke 18:1-17; Genesis 29:31-30:43; Psalm 23
- January 24 - Day 24 - Luke 18:18-43; Genesis 31; Psalm 24
- January 25 - Day 25 - Luke 19:1-27; Genesis 32-33; Psalm 25
- January 26 - Day 26 - Luke 19:28-48; Genesis 34; Psalm 26
- January 27 - Day 27 - Luke 20:1-26; Genesis 35:1-36:43; Psalm 27
- January 28 - Day 28 - Luke 20:27-47; Genesis 37; Psalm 28
- January 29 - Day 29 - Luke 21; Genesis 38; Psalm 29
- January 30 - Day 30 - Luke 22:1-38; Genesis 39; Psalm 30
- January 31 - Day 31 - Luke 22:39-71; Genesis 40; Psalm 31

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From the Pastor's Desk

Courage, the determination not to be overwhelmed by any object, however frightful, enables us to stand up to any fear...We do both ourselves and our neighbors a great disservice when we attempt to prove that there is nothing in this world of which we should be frightened. These forces that threaten to negate life must be challenged by courage, which is the power of life to affirm itself in spite of life's ambiguities. This requires the exercise of a creative will that enables us to hew out a stone of hope from a mountain of despair.

—Martin Luther King

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Courage is universally admired. People in every culture admire courageous souls and desire to emulate them. We instinctively understand that courage is a good thing. In traditional Catholic theology, for example, courage is considered to be one of the four cardinal virtues. As Samuel Johnson once observed, "Courage is reckoned the greatest of all virtues; because, unless a man has that virtue, he has no security for preserving any other."

As much as we admire and desire it, however, many of us misunderstand what courage is. Many think courage is essentially the absence of fear. The courageous person, we think, is someone who is utterly fearless in the face of danger. We assume fear is the opposite of courage, more akin to cowardice than bravery. The only way to be truly courageous, we reason, is to completely purge fear from our emotions.

But as Scott Peck points out in *Abounding Grace*, this understanding is actually closer to a definition of what courage *is not*, rather than what it *is*. Genuine courage, he explains is not the absence of fear, but rather "the capacity to go ahead in spite of your fear—in the very direction of which you are afraid." "In fact," he adds, "as far as I'm concerned, the total absence of fear suggests some kind of brain damage."

Mark Twain made essentially the same point. "Courage," he wrote, "is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear. Except a creature be part coward it is not a compliment to say it is brave."

As Twain points out, by its very nature, fear is a necessary component of courage. Whatever the situation, if there's no fear, courage isn't needed. Only when fear is part of the picture can we be truly courageous.

When we examine Scripture, this is precisely the kind of courage we're exhorted to have. There are numerous passages where we're told to "be courageous" and "be people of courage" and to "fear not." The message is not to try and turn ourselves into brain-damaged people who are impervious to any sense of risk. Or to try and squelch the instinctual emotions God has designed us to have in the face of danger. No, what these passages are saying is that we shouldn't allow our fears to paralyze us or keep us from moving forward. We should draw courage from knowing that God is with us even as we move into a place of fear. Even if it's as dangerous as "the valley of the shadow of death," we are called to go through it fearing "no evil", for God is with us.

When I think of courageous people, I think the cancer patient who bravely goes in regularly for their chemotherapy or radiation treatments. Or the caregiver who lovingly cares for an aging parent or a terminally ill spouse. Or the teacher who boldly steps into a classroom seemingly filled with indifference to try and make a difference. Such people are courageous not because they're fearless. They're courageous because they're able to swim against the current of their fear and live with hope.

You may not think of yourself as courageous. But the fact is God has given you a far greater capacity for courage than you realize. Don't let fear stop you for it is out of fear that genuine courage is born. Knowing God is with you, be strong and courageous, and "hew out a stone of hope from a mountain of despair."



Panther Packs Ministry

The New Year is here. By The Way... thank you, to those who purchased the 2024 Calendars...

We continue to serve about 250 students each week.

Here are the packing details for next five months packing:

Month	# of Wks.	Prepack (1:00)	Set Up (1:00)	Packing (6:00)	School Pick Ups
January	4	12/19/2023	1/2/2024	1/3/2024	1/4, 11, 18, 23
February	5	1/23/2024	1/30/2024	1/31/2024	2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
March	4	2/27/2024	3/5/2024	3/6/2024	3/7, 14, 21, 26
April	4	3/26/2024	4/2/2024	4/3/2024	4/4, 11, 18, 23
May	5	4/23/2024	4/30/2024	5/1/2024	5/2, 9, 16, 23, 28

Come and join in on the fun.

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



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date:	Details:	Time:
Jan 7	Regular Youth	6-8pm
Jan 14	Regular Youth	6-8pm
Jan 21	Regular Youth	6-8pm
Jan 28	Regular Youth	6-8pm

****Safe Sanctuary
Approved Volunteers
Needed****



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

ANNIVERSARIES

DELCAMP, DENNIS & DIANE	6
HASSENPLUG, T. JEFF & CINDY	6
LEON, MICHAEL & MARY	20

BIRTHDAYS

KAREN KNISS	1		
SYLVIA SMITH	3	DENISE LARSEN	18
JACQUELINE STOKES	3	SHELBY GESSNER	19
DANIELLE KRAUS	5	RONNEY MEADE JR.	19
ALYSSA LAMOTTE	5	CHARLENE STAHLNECKER	19
ALIVIA RITENOUR	5	MICHELE STAHLNECKER	19
DEAN MILLER	6	JENNIFER MEADE	20
KEITH KOCH	8	SAGE PHILLIPS	20
GRANT RICHIE	8	BROOKE YOUNG	20
MEGAN STAHLNECKER	8	JEFF HASSENPLUG	21
CHERYL WILVER	8	EDWARD RUSSELL	21
DAVID EVERITT	9	JASON COUP	22
KIM ANDRICAK	10	BRENT GUNDRUM	22
JENNIFER McMICHAEL	10	CHRISTOPHER MILLER	22
SCOTT HERMAN	11	NAOMI REED	24
CHARLES JACK	11	DENISE ROYER	24
LARRY MAGARGLE	11	DAVID STAHLNECKER	25
LILLIAN WERTZ	12	BRENDA LOHR	27
MICHELLE ROYER	13	BOB TURNBAUGH	27
GARY WIEAND	13	S. DALE SHEETS	29
JOSH CROMLEY	15	JAMES WEAVER	29
MATTHEW SNYDER	15	KALEN RITENOUR	30
DOROTHY WALLIZE	15	DAVID SNYDER	31
DANIELLE MILLER	16		
LISA STOKES	16		

January

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up	6:00pm Panther Packs	6pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Children's Choir Practice *Fellowship Meal after church*	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest **NEW TIME**	7pm Trustee Mtg		7:15pm Adult Choir	6pm – Kitchen in Use	All Day Kitchen & Social Hall in Use
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am Children's Choir Practice *Take Down Decorations after Church	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest		Newsletter Article Deadline	6pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Children's Choir Practice Kitchen/Social Hall in Use after Church	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest		9am Mail Newsletter	7:15pm Adult Choir		
28	29	30	31			
10am Children's Choir Practice	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest	1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up	6:00pm Panther Packs			
	<p>Email: saumc@ptd.net Website: saumcmilton.org Facebook: facebook.com/standrewsumcmilton</p>					

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Tuesday, Thursday – Please Call First
 Church Office: 570-742-2000 ext. 300
 Noah's Ark: 570-742-8951

COMMITTEES

The start of a new year always seems to bring fresh starts and new changes. Many committee meetings happen behind the scenes to help keep the church running smoothly. Thank you to everyone who has, continues to, or is new to volunteering your time to various areas of our church!

Introducing 2024 Chairs:

Administrative Council: Craig Richie

Finance: David Stahl

SPPR (Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations): Michael Dunkle

Nurture: Debbie Haulman

Outreach: Lisa McManus

Christian Education: Crystal Wertz

Missions: Carriann Shultz

Worship: Deb Fox

Trustee: To Be Elected in January

Brief committee descriptions:

Administrative Council: Provides administration of the church and its daily life, carries out actions approved by the charge conference and reviews membership of the local church.

Finance: Finance is charged with overseeing stewardship, compiling annual budget, raising sufficient income to meet the budget and administer funds received.

SPPR: The human resources department of our church.

Nurture: Recognizes important events such as births, deaths, and health needs of our congregation. This committee also offers assistance to members with simple home maintenance.

Outreach: This group helps organize events that reach community members not currently attending our church as well as fostering relationships in our church.

Christian Education: Oversees Sunday School leaders as well as other events for children of our church.

Missions: Mission Relationships identifies, develops, and nurtures respectful and effective relationships with mission partners throughout the world.

Worship: The worship team focuses on planning of worship. The team generates themes for worship far enough in advance that sermons can be developed as well as music and other elements to enhance the congregations experience. This includes special services, holidays and communion.

Trustee: Oversees, maintains, and supervises church properties.

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

Celebration Villa (Lewisburg) - Shirley Wilver

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

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

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

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.

Prayer Chain - Please Call:

Mercy Gray - 570-701-7948

Edith Noaker - 570-742-4756

Changes to printed list should be given to the office



Members Recently Lost: Nancy Geiger 11/29/23

VOLUNTEERS SERVING — January 2024

Ushers

Gary Fullmer, Chief	
Dave Miller	Leslie Porter
Lee Shreck	Bob Layton
Frank Stitely	Terry Napp

Altar Stewards

Mercy Gray & Deb Fox

GREETERS

7	Bob & Cindy Snyder
14	Fred & Debbie Simon
21	Satch & Nancy Shearer
28	Cody & Krissy Lytle

LOVE PATROL

7	Lisa McManus & Barry Bowers, Jr.
14	Mary Richie & Jonathan Dick
21	Sandee Stitely & Michael Porter
28	Lauren Richie & Dan Baker

Financial Stewards

Carol Layton, Debbie Simon & Sharon Wert
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ACOLYTES

7	Nelson Wertz
14	Casey Jo Lytle
21	Claire Dick
28	Grant Richie

Church Volunteers



CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

7	Crystal Wertz & Debbie Haulman
14	Lauren Richie & Krissy Lytle
21	Lara Dick & Michelle McElwee
28	Leslie Porter & Mary Richie

CHILDREN'S MINUTE

7	Pastor Michael
14	Ginny Shreck
21	Sam Haulman
28	Nate Richie

Financial Picture

2023	Nov-23	Year-to -date totals
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	23,953.69	263,490.51
Receipts (Incl. loan from Cap Impr. Acct)	18,676.26	229,688.23
Expenditures	20,020.67	235,193.58
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,373.95	48,113.36
Receipts	2,597.18	34,927.37
Expenditures	2,874.71	42,581.17
<u>FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)</u>		
Receipts	160.00	1,330.00
Expenditures	0.00	2,159.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	3.29	1,791.97
Expenditures (loan to current fund)	0.00	10,000.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	3,341.64	36,758.36
Receipts	101.77	10,460.72
Expenditures	1,353.54	35,676.17
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	255.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	595.83	6,554.17
Receipts	214.48	4,676.19
Expenditures	169.68	4,174.68
Total Budget		
	32,265.11	354,916.40
Total Receipts		
	21,752.98	282,874.48
Total Expenditures		
	24,418.60	329,784.60