

St. Andrew's Times

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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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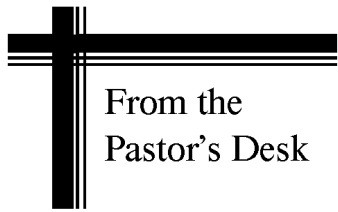
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SCRIPTURE READING

- April 1 - Day 92 - Matthew 25; 31-46; Numbers 32-34; Job 2
- April 2 - Day 93 - Matthew 26:1-25; Numbers 35-36; Job 3
- April 3 - Day 94 - Matthew 26:26-46; Deuteronomy 1-2; Job 4
- April 4 - Day 95 - Matthew 26:47-75; Deuteronomy 3-4; Job 5
- April 5 - Day 96 - Matthew 27:1-31; Deuteronomy 5-6; Job 6
- April 6 - Day 97 - Matthew 27:32-66; Deuteronomy 7-8; Job 7
- April 7 - Day 98 - Matthew 28; Deuteronomy 9-10; Job 8
- April 8 - Day 99 - Acts 1; Deuteronomy 11-12; Job 9
- April 9 - Day 100 - Acts 2:1-13; Deuteronomy 13-14; Job 10
- April 10 - Day 101 - Acts 2:14-47; Deuteronomy 15-16; Job 11
- April 11 - Day 102 - Acts 3; Deuteronomy 17-18; Job 12
- April 12 - Day 103 - Acts 4:1-22; Deuteronomy 19-20; Job 13
- April 13 - Day 104 - Acts 4:23-37; Deuteronomy 21-22; Job 14
- April 14 - Day 105 - Acts 5:1-16; Deuteronomy 23-24; Job 15
- April 15 - Day 106 - Acts 5:17-42; Deuteronomy 25-27; Job 16
- April 16 - Day 107 - Acts 6; Deuteronomy 28; Job 17
- April 17 - Day 108 - Acts 7:1-22; Deuteronomy 29-30; Job 18
- April 18 - Day 109 - Acts 7:23-8:1a; Deuteronomy 31-32; Job 19
- April 19 - Day 110 - Acts 8:1b-25; Deuteronomy 33-34; Job 20
- April 20 - Day 111 - Acts 8:26-40; Joshua 1-2; Job 21
- April 21 - Day 112 - Acts 9:1-25; Joshua 3:1-5:1; Job 22
- April 22 - Day 113 - Acts 9:26-43; Joshua 5:2-6:27; Job 23
- April 23 - Day 114 - Acts 10:1-33; Joshua 7-8; Job 24
- April 24 - Day 115 - Acts 10:34-48; Joshua 9-10; Job 25
- April 25 - Day 116 - Acts 11:1-18; Joshua 11-12; Job 26
- April 26 - Day 117 - Acts 11:19-30; Joshua 13-14; Job 27
- April 27 - Day 118 - Acts 12; Joshua 15-17; Job 28
- April 28 - Day 119 - Acts 13:1-25; Joshua 18-19; Job 29
- April 29 - Day 120 - Acts 13:26-52; Joshua 20-21; Job 30
- April 30 - Day 121 - Acts 14; Joshua 22; Job 31



From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Michael

Through The Roof Friendship

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:1-4)

In the second chapter of his Gospel, Mark recounts the remarkable story of a severely paralyzed man and his life-changing encounter with Jesus. Mark provides few details about this man or his identity. We're not told his name, age, or background. We're not told how he had come to suffer from paralysis or how long he had endured his affliction. All we know is that whatever the source of his illness, it was so severe that it prevented him from going anywhere on his own two legs. He was completely dependent on others to take him where he wanted to go, bring him what he needed, and provide for his daily survival.

Apart from the physical challenges he faced, we can imagine that he suffered the same social and emotional pain shared by other chronically ill people in first century Israel. Being disabled, he would've been a social outcast, one of those "forgotten" persons no "respectable" person would have anything to do with. Like the man born blind in John 9, people would have assumed he "deserved" his fate and that his illness was a result of some terrible sin he would have committed. In addition to his physical suffering, the pain his feelings of social isolation, unwantedness, and rejection must have caused him would have been enormous.

Fortunately, unlike the paralyzed man in John 5, this fellow was not a complete social outcast. Mark tells us he did have a group of at least four friends that cared for him. These friends, in fact, play a bigger role in Mark's account than the man himself. While Mark says nothing about whether the paralytic had faith in Jesus, clearly his friends did. When they heard that Jesus had come to their town, they decided they had to bring sick friend to meet him. Even when practical obstacles made the task seem impossible, they were so confident Jesus could heal their friend that they literally went "through the roof" to complete their mission.

Clearly, these were not fair-weather friends. Their willingness to go to extreme lengths to place him at Jesus' feet not only revealed their faith in Christ but also how much they loved for their friend.

As I read Mark's account, two challenges jump out at me. First, I am challenged to ask the question of what sort of friend am I? Do I love my friends and family enough to bring their needs to Jesus? Am I willing to go to extreme lengths to provide an open door (or roof!) for them to experience the healing power of Christ?

Second, I'm challenged to ask how much faith I have in the life changing power of my Savior. When it comes to the people in my life, do I really believe Jesus can and will help them if asked?

All of us, I suspect, know people like the paralyzed man: folks who have endured suffering or who have deep, unmet needs. Perhaps it's a friend or family member who's never experienced the love of Jesus as Savior. Perhaps it's a friend in Christ who needs healing or hope or guidance. Perhaps it's someone who's become so paralyzed by their circumstances that they don't have the energy to cry out to Jesus themselves. In such cases, praying earnestly for them and laying their needs at Jesus' feet is the best thing I can do for them. In other cases, friendship may call me to invite them or encourage them or even transport them to a place where they may experience the power of the Risen Savior.

As Mark's account makes clear, Jesus didn't disappoint this man or his friends. In fact, He did more for him than they had hoped for. Because not only did Jesus heal the paralytic so that he walked (or maybe danced!) out of the house on his own two feet, but Jesus also healed him on a deeper level. When he addressed him as "son", Jesus lanced the deep wound that the long years of feeling unwanted and unloved had created inside of him. And when Jesus declared, "Your sins are forgiven", he washed away the burdens of guilt and shame (both real and imagined) he had been carrying. Jesus saw needs his friends didn't know he had and was able to meet those needs simply because they had brought their friend to Him. (Oh, and don't overlook the fact that Mark ascribes this man's healing not to his own faith, but to the faith of his friends!)

Though the world has changed a lot since Jesus visited Capernaum, some things haven't changed. There are still a lot of hurting people who need to be healed. There are still a lot of suffering people who need to be loved. There are still a lot of lonely people who need to be brought into the family. There are still a lot of spiritually broken people who need to experience release and freedom and forgiveness.

Who do you know that needs you to bring them to Jesus? Why not put your faith foot forward and let your friendship and care for them go "through the roof"?

MISSION REPORT



Rural mission founded by Evangelical Church

“Red Bird Mission was founded in 1921 in the southeastern corner of Kentucky to provide education and Christian evangelism ministries to residents of the area. The mission was started by the Evangelical Church on a small piece of property, at the confluence of Cow Fork and the Red Bird River.”

It continued as a mission when the Evangelicals and the United Brethren joined together. It continues today supported by the United Methodist Church. The first missionaries to start the mission were Rev. John and Nettie De Wall.

As a church we have been supporting missionaries to Red Bird, The Jacks, until they retired. We are now supporting Red Bird Mission itself through Board of Global Missions rather than. In supporting *Red Bird Missions* we are helping to provide needed funds for Red Bird to minister to those Americans in need.

Nettie De Wall wrote *Memories of Red Bird*. It is quite interesting. She even tells how her husband had to take a stand and made the locals decided between the school and moonshine. This book is available in our church library if you are interested in reading it. It also shares the history of a struggling community in the 1920s.

Some history of its start is below.

“The story of Red Bird is one of deep faith in God. Red Bird Mission was born in answer to prayer. It is a story of gracious outpouring of prayer and means by the church.

As early as 1913, the women of the Evangelical Church became aware of the needs of the people of the Southern Highlands. In 1919, the Illinois Branch Women’s Missionary Society was the first of three branches to request that the church begin work there. After much prayer and study the Women’s Board established the Faith Fund, named thus as they said, “in the faith that money would flow into it and that God will show us where to invest it.”

Meanwhile, God-fearing people in the mountains of Southeastern Kentucky were praying that someone would “come over and help us.” Zelfhia Roberts, a Presbyterian from near Hyden, was one of those who prayed. She taught in a little school at Phillip’s Fork across the mountain from Beverly. Once a week she walked to Beverly for the mail. There she saw intelligent boys doing nothing and receiving no training. She also heard that Millard and Myrtle Knuckles, a local couple, wanted a school for the youth. So, as she crossed the mountain each week she regularly stopped at a certain rock to pray that a Christian school would be built at Red Bird. She said that God had assured her that her prayers offered at this wayside altar would be answered. Carrie Knuckles also prayed that her children would have a chance to attend a school and Sunday school near their home. Years later, when her children did have this opportunity and later grew up into fine, useful citizens, she said, “I cannot express in words my appreciation for this school. Sometimes we can’t see our prayers answered for a long time, but we must never give up for God is before us leading us gently over.”

So it was that God answered these prayers and sent the Evangelical Church into the Cumberland Mountains of Kentucky into the area called Red Bird. The first workers, Myra Bowman and Emeline Welsh, arrived to teach elementary grades on July 1, 1921. Rev. J. J. DeWall was the first pastor appointed to the Mission and served as superintendent from 1921 until his death in 1928. Under his leadership a pattern was set that continues today. Led by the Holy Spirit, Rev. & Mrs. DeWall demonstrated the purpose of Red Bird – to bring Jesus Christ into every heart and to bring life abundant to all.”

The above excerpt was taken from <https://www.umc.org/en/content/red-bird-mission-kentucky>

What is happening currently at Red Bird can be viewed on their FaceBook page. <https://www.facebook.com/RedBirdMission/>

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest	1:00pm Panther Packs - Set-Up	6:00pm Panther Packs	7:15pm Adult Choir	6-8pm Noah's Ark using inside & outside areas.	1:30-5pm Rental (Kitchen, S. Hall & Gym)
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
*Fellowship Meal 10am Children's Choir Practice 2-4pm Grief Share	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest	6:00pm Worship Meeting 7:00pm Trustee Meeting		6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
*Pulpit Exchange 10am Children's Choir Practice 2-4pm Grief Share 7pm Spring Music Ministerium Night @ Freedom Life	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest		Newsletter Article Deadline	7:15pm Adult Choir		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Children's Choir Practice Safe Sanctuary Training after church 2-4pm Grief Share	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest		9:00am Mail Newsletter	6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir		
28	29	30				
10am Children's Choir Practice 2-4pm Grief Share	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest	1:00pm Panther Packs - Set-Up 7:00pm Christian Ed Meeting				

Panther Packs Ministry

We are getting ready to complete our eighth full year of packing meals for the Milton Elementary children this May.

God continues to provide what we need to pack over 250 meals each week. Whether it is product that is hard to find or help on a five week packing schedule, God has met our needs. How about you, have you tested Him to see that He is Good?

Here are the packing details for next two months packing:

Month	# of Wks.	Prepack (1:00)	Set Up (1:00)	Packing (6:00)	School Pick Ups
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.

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

Panther Packs Committee



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date:	Details:	Time:
April 7	Regular Youth	6-8pm
April 14	Event	TBD
April 21	Regular Youth	6-8pm
April 28	Regular Youth	6-8pm

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

**Get
CONNECTED**

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

ANNIVERSARIES

RUSSELL, EDWARD & SUSAN	12
RIVERA, HEATHER (Napp) & WILLIAM	14
HERMAN, SCOTT & KAREN	16
CHRISMER, SCOTT & DONNA	21
KREBS, SUSAN & JOHN	21
TURNBAUGH, BOB & TONYA	21
SNYDER, GARY & MARY JANE	26
BASTIAN, ROCHELLE & MIKE	30
REED, NAOMI & BUZZ	30

BIRTHDAYS

KIMBERLY BINGAMAN	2	JULIA MITCHELL	16
ROBERT MEADE	2	BETH SHANNON	16
KALINA YOUNG	3	TERRY MATHIAS	17
LORI BASTIAN	4	TIFFANY SNYDER	17
PAMELA KURTZ	4	RONNI TORO	17
AUBRY MCCONNELL	4	ALECIA MCELWEE	19
BRENT HERMAN	5	STEVE BENNAGE	22
DELANEY KRAUS	5	MICHAEL DUNKLE	22
SCOTT STAHL	5	MICHAEL R. ROYER	22
STACEY TALLENT	5	AMY MILLER	23
MICHAEL PORTER	6	MELISSA ROHM	23
BOBBY STOKES	6	LORI WALTER	23
PEG SCHMOUDER	7	ALEXIS WALTMAN	24
BRANDON KURTZ	8	JULIANNA MEADE	26
STACY SHULTZ	8	ANTHONY NEUER	26
JONATHAN DICK	9	ROCHELLE BASTIAN	27
SERENITY MITCH	9	MARY HUFF	27
JIM WEAVER	10	JAMES NEUER	27
MYLES MUSSER	11	THANH WANDS	28
EMILY HOFFMAN	12	AMY BASTIAN	29
BONNIE RUTE	13	OWEN HOFFMAN	29
ELEANOR SHIVELY	13	KATHY KOVAL	29
KATHY WIEAND	13	SHIRLEY WILVER	29
JEFF DIGGAN	14	DANIEL BAKER	30
BILL DRIES	14	NATALIE GRACE FAULKINER	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	Jane Lentz	Bonnie Rute
Diane Delcamp	Mike McManus	Dale & Lou Ann Sheets
Jeff Diggan	Richard & Gloria McSwain	Fred Simon
Ruth Eisley	Aaron Merwin	Sylvia Smith
Larry Emery	Devynn Napp-Barker	Glenn & Ida Snyder
Linda Emery	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Marion Steese
David Everitt (Navy)	Edith Noaker	Pastor Michael Stine
Marlene Fama	Helen Phillips	Sharon Wert
Peggy Fullmer	Judy Pursell	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Don Geiger	Fred Ranck	Richard Winter
Sylvia Hendricks	Mary Richie	Shirley "Sis" Yocum
Denise Larsen	Robert Riehl	Bob Zartman
Janet Lee	Michael S. Royer	Emma Zeager & Family
Celebration Villa (Lewisburg) - Shirley Wilver		
Milton N&R - Mary Scholl, Lois Wagner, Ward Walter		
Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter		
Watsonstown N&R - Peg Cravatt, 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



Member Recently Lost:

Ron Kocher 3/1/24

VOLUNTEERS SERVING

April 2024



USHERS

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

LOVE PATROL

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

ACOLYTES

7	Claire Dick
14	Alivia Ritenour
21	Kinlee Lytle
28	Jane Wertz

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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

GREETERS

7	Mary Richie
14	Danielle Kraus
21	Bonnie Lloyd
28	Jill Foresman

*Nursery: Debbie Haulman

CHILDREN'S MINUTE

7	TBA
14	Ginny Shreck
21	Sam Haulman
28	Nate Richie

FINANCIAL STEWARDS

Carol Layton, Debbie Simon,
and Sharon Wert

ALTAR STEWARDS

Sharon Wert & Helen Phillips

TECH DEPARTMENT

	SOUNDBOARD	POWER POINT	VIDEO
7	Barry Bowers, Jr.	Lucas Shearer	Sam Haulman
14	Bob Snyder	Colton Ritenour	Carriann Shultz
21	Mark Shearer	Barry Bowers, Jr.	Michael P. & Lucas S.
28	Dakota Zeager	Jeff Diggan	Chadrick Bastian, Jr.

TRUSTEE UPDATE



Trustees Need Your Help - Do you have a God given talent that can be used in our church? We are so fortunate to have a beautiful building to worship our Lord and Savior together with all our brothers and sisters. It is also used by Noah's Ark and so many other organizations in the community. Unfortunately, we do not have anyone at the present time to help maintain or take care of our church. Jerry Wilver has been fulfilling that job for several years but can no longer do all the different jobs that is required to keep our church up and running. That's where you can help. Until we are fortunate enough to be able to hire a maintenance person, we are looking for "volunteers" that would be willing to be on call to help maintain the different jobs and problems that occur in the church. We need people that are familiar with electric, plumbing, furnaces, cleaning, or just a "Jack of all Trades". If you fit one of those jobs and hear a whisper in your ear that is telling you to use that talent God gave you, please contact one of the trustees or call the church office. You will truly get your reward in heaven.

Breaking Bread 
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"Love INC Fundraiser"

Tickets available from:
Cindy Snyder
Dave Stahl
Lisa McManus

love | Golden Rule
in the name of Christ Fundraiser 

Expires: 6/30/2024


Cold
\$8 Hoagie
Cheese
\$8 Pizza

Financial Picture

2024	February 2024	Year-to -date totals
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	21,977.98	43,956.20
Receipts (Incl. loan from Cap Impr. Acct)	18,941.33	42,403.73
Expenditures	19,269.08	40,051.02
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,092.49	8,185.00
Receipts	3,931.41	8,092.01
Expenditures	4,105.58	8,062.54
<u>FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)</u>		
Receipts	85.00	155.00
Expenditures	0.00	0.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts (repayment of loan)	1,503.52	3,007.39
Expenditures (loan to current fund)	0.00	0.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	2,808.32	5,616.80
Receipts	702.25	1,116.00
Expenditures	3,459.52	4,927.65
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	0.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	495.83	991.70
Receipts	285.20	582.99
Expenditures	596.57	680.51
Total Budget	29,374.62	58,749.70
Total Receipts	25,448.71	55,357.12
Total Expenditures	27,430.75	53,721.72