

St. Andrew's Times

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ST ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT: "To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known as Savior and Lord"

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SCRIPTURE READING

- September 1 - Day 245 - John 9:24-41; 2 Chronicles 7; Malachi 4
- September 2 - Day 246 - John 10:1-21; 2 Chronicles 8; Psalm 73
- September 3 - Day 247 - John 10:22-42; 2 Chronicles 9; Psalm 74
- September 4 - Day 248 - John 11:1-27; 2 Chronicles 10-11; Psalm 75
- September 5 - Day 249 - John 11:28-57; 2 Chronicles 12-13; Psalm 76
- September 6 - Day 250 - John 12:1-26; 2 Chronicles 14-15; Psalm 77
- September 7 - Day 251 - John 12:27-50; 2 Chronicles 16-17; Psalm 78:1-20
- September 8 - Day 252 - John 13:1-20; 2 Chronicles 18; Psalm 78:21-37
- September 9 - Day 253 - John 13:21-38; 2 Chronicles 19; Psalm 78:38-55
- September 10 - Day 254 - John 14:1-14; 2 Chronicles 20:1-21:1; Psalm 78:56-72
- September 11 - Day 255 - John 14:15-31; 2 Chronicles 21:2-22:12; Psalm 79
- September 12 - Day 256 - John 15:1-16:4; 2 Chronicles 23; Psalm 80
- September 13 - Day 257 - John 16:4-33; 2 Chronicles 24; Psalm 81
- September 14 - Day 258 - John 17; 2 Chronicles 25; Psalm 82
- September 15 - Day 259 - John 18:1-18; 2 Chronicles 26; Psalm 83
- September 16 - Day 260 - John 18:19-38; 2 Chronicles 27-28; Psalm 84
- September 17 - Day 261 - John 18:38-19:16; 2 Chronicles 29; Psalm 85
- September 18 - Day 262 - John 19:16-42; 2 Chronicles 30; Psalm 86
- September 19 - Day 263 - John 20:1-18; 2 Chronicles 31; Psalm 87
- September 20 - Day 264 - John 20:19-31; 2 Chronicles 32; Psalm 88
- September 21 - Day 265 - John 21; 2 Chronicles 33; Psalm 89:1-18
- September 22 - Day 266 - 1 John 1; 2 Chronicles 34; Psalm 89:19-37
- September 23 - Day 267 - 1 John 2; 2 Chronicles 35; Psalm 89:38-52
- September 24 - Day 268 - 1 John 3; 2 Chronicles 36; Psalm 90
- September 25 - Day 269 - 1 John 4; Ezra 1-2; Psalm 91
- September 26 - Day 270 - 1 John 5; Ezra 3-4; Psalm 92
- September 27 - Day 271 - 2 John 1; Ezra 5-6; Psalm 93
- September 28 - Day 272 - 3 John 1; Ezra 7-8; Psalm 94
- September 29 - Day 273 - Jude 1; Ezra 9-10; Psalm 95
- September 30 - Day 274 - Revelation 1; Nehemiah 1-2; Psalm 96



Dear St. Andrew's Family,

As we move through this season of our church's life, I am drawn to the powerful words of Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (NRSVUE)

These verses capture the essence of what it means to grow both personally and communally as followers of Christ. They remind us that our journey of faith is not a solitary endeavor but one that thrives in the context of community. As we gather, whether in worship, small groups, or service, we have the opportunity to inspire, challenge, and support one another in ways that lead to deeper spiritual growth and stronger bonds of Christian fellowship.

Now, I know what you might be thinking: "But Pastor, have you seen my schedule? How can I possibly add more to my plate?" Believe me, I understand! Life is busy, and the demands on our time can feel overwhelming. But here's the thing—growth doesn't happen in isolation. It happens when we come together, when we intentionally carve out time to connect with God and with each other.

At St. Andrew's UMC, we are committed to creating spaces for this kind of growth. We are planning new small groups, Bible studies, and prayer meetings designed to help us deepen our faith and build community. So keep your eye out for these upcoming opportunities! Whether you are new to the church or a long-time member, there is a place for you to connect and grow.

Of course, coming together isn't always easy, especially when we have differences of opinion or life experience. In today's polarized world, it can be tempting to retreat into our own corners, surrounding ourselves only with those who think, act, or believe exactly as we do. But the body of Christ is made up of many parts, and it is in our diversity that we find our strength. When we gather in person, despite our differences, we bear witness to the power of God's love to unite us in ways that transcend our individual perspectives.

There is a story that is told about two church members who couldn't agree on the color of the new sanctuary carpet. One insisted on blue, while the other was adamant it should be green. After much debate, they finally compromised... on beige! The moral of the story? Sometimes it's not about winning the argument, but about working together to find a solution that everyone can live with. And perhaps most importantly, it's about remembering that the color of the carpet isn't what truly matters—it's our shared mission to love and serve God and one another.

As we embark on these new initiatives, I encourage you to take that next step—whether it's joining a small group, committing to regular in-person worship, or simply reaching out to a fellow church member for a cup of tea and a chat. Together, we can provoke one another to love and good deeds, growing not only in our individual faith but also as a community rooted in Christ.

Let's not neglect the opportunity to meet together, to encourage one another, and to experience the joy of growing together in faith and fellowship. I look forward to seeing how God will work in and through us in the days to come.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Bum (AKA: PB)



Happy September! This is a month where our schedules change.....summer is winding down and fall is approaching. Kids are heading back to school and our routines are changing. As we all are considering how we can serve God as followers of Jesus, not just as a "member" at SAUMC, have you considered joining choir?

Psalm 100:1 says "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name".

What better way to praise God than through song! Come join us and lift your voice with us! Here is our September rehearsal schedule:

Wed. Sept. 4 - 6pm

Wed, Sept. 11 - 7pm

Thurs. Sept. 19 - 7:15pm

Thurs. Sept. 26 - 7:15pm

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing YOU in choir!

Naomi Reed, SAUMC Adult Choir Director

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A District Conference has been scheduled for Sunday, September 29th beginning at 3:00 to take place at the Heshbon Park UMC, 2898 Heshbon Rd., Williamsport, PA, and you are invited to join in worship, celebration and holy conferencing as we organize to five districts of the Susquehanna Conference! We will worship together, celebrate the ministry in our District, establish a new name for the district, affirm our District Committees and put "hands to the plow" as we move out in mission and ministry within our communities. This event is not mandatory, but if you are appointed to a church or a member of one of our United Methodist Churches you are welcome to be part of this time. If you plan to attend, please register by following the link below! Registration will close September 12th.

<https://forms.gle/aNSe46Y2XyRQgP2TA>

VOLUNTEERS SERVING

September 2024



USHERS

Larry Lloyd -	Chief	Nate Richie	Dennis Delcamp
Debbie Haulman	Terry Napp	Robert Snyder	Steve Bennage

LOVE PATROL

1	Lisa McManus / Barry Bowers
8	Mary Richie / Nate Richie
15	TBA / TBA
22	TBA / Mary Richie
29	Debbie Haulman / TBA

ACOLYTES

1	Nelson Wertz
8	Grant Richie
15	Alivia Ritenour
22	Helen Wertz
29	Layla Richie

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

1	No Children's Church
8	Lauren Richie / Crystal Wertz
15	Danielle Kraus / Nate Richie
22	TBA / TBA
29	Susan Bastian / Lauren Richie

GREETERS

1	Dave & Sue Miller
8	Susan Bastian
15	Bonnie Thomas
22	Debbie Haulman
29	Mercy Gray

*Nursery: Debbie Haulman

ALTAR STEWARDS

Karen Croman & Danielle Kraus

FINANCIAL STEWARDS

Mona Napp & Shirley Coup

TECH DEPARTMENT

	SOUNDBOARD	POWER POINT	VIDEO
1	Chadrick	Susan	Sam
8	Barry	Layla	Chadrick
15	Colton (Bob)	Barry	Sam
22	Colton (Barry)	Layla	Chadrick
29	Bob	Barry	Sam

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday — 8:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday — Please Call First
 Pastor Hours:
Monday-Thursday — Regularly Available
Friday — Day of Sabbath - Emergencies Only

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	07
			11-9:30 OIP Fundraiser 1:00pm Bible Study w/PB (Conf. Room) 6:00pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Panther Packs Re-Organization Mtg (Anyone willing to help is welcome to attend)			Harvest Festival Food Stand – Servants Needed
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
**Joyful Noise Offering	4:00-4:45 Community Harvest Meal 7:00pm Ad Council 7:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Pops concert practice	1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up 7:00pm Trustee Mtg 7:00pm Pops Concert practice	1:00pm Bible Study w/PB (Conf. Room) 6:00pm Panther Packs 7:00pm Adult Choir	7pm Pops Concert		Harvest Festival Parade Walkers Needed!
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	4:00-4:45 Community Harvest Meal **Servants Needed 7:00pm Bell Choir	6:00pm Noah's Ark Board Meeting	Newsletter Article Deadline 1:00pm Bible Study w/PB (Conf. Room)	7:15pm Adult Choir		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	4:00-4:45 Community Harvest Meal		9:00am Mail Newsletter 1:00pm Bible Study w/PB (Conf. Room)	7:15pm Adult Choir		
29	30					
	4:00-4:45 Community Harvest Meal 7:00pm Bell Choir		Save the Date: Oct 20 th – Joint Picnic with Bethay UMC @ St. Andrew's			

SERVANTS NEEDED

St. Andrew's will have a food stand selling Chipped Ham BBQ the first Saturday of the festival—September 7th. Servants needed to help “man the stand”! All proceeds from this stand will benefit the Panther Packs ministry.

On the second Saturday—a few “walkers” will be needed to help hand out Ice Pops down the parade route!

Please contact the office, sign-up on the back piano or just show up to offer a hand!



BIBLE STUDIES

PB is planning a couple of opportunities for Bible study! One is in person and one will be via Facebook.

BIBLE 101: Have you ever wondered things about the Bible? Things like: What is the Bible?; How did it come to be?; Who wrote it?; How should I read it? These are some of the questions we will discuss in "Bible 101." This short term Bible study will be taking place starting Wednesday, September 4th at 1:00pm in the conference room off the church office, as the first of our Bible studies with PB. If you would like to participate, just let PB or the church office know!

PB READS THE BIBLE: Beginning on Tuesday, September 10th PB will be on Facebook Live reading from the Bible and giving commentary on the passage. He will read approximately one chapter a day, and it will usually take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 9:00am (as his schedule permits).



ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Rose Gibson	1	Bobby & Lisa Stokes	23
Leslie & Bonnie Thomas	5	Lee & Ginny Shreck	25
Daniel & Sandy Baker	8	David & Tammy Gundrum	27
Lee & Barbara Brandau	13	Greg & Kim Andricak	28
C. Robert & Cindy Snyder	18	Keith & Debbie Koch	28
Charles & Marlene Fama	21		

BIRTHDAYS

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

MISSION REPORT

Remember the Lord Commissioned us to “go into all the World and preach the Gospel.” That means an outreach to not only America but to other countries.

We have not had much contact from Sierra Leone and Zimmi and this e-mail to the SLI committee chair, James Jacobs, gives an explanation why. It is important to keep praying for Zimmi UMC and Sierra Leone as the country is mixed religious faiths. Zimmi is a town of Christians and Muslims. We have seen the Muslim agenda happening around the World and we need to pray for the protection of the congregation’s members and that they can be a witness, too, to those around them. That their faith be strengthened.

Dear Rev. James Jacobs,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope this mail meets you in good health and strength.

We are in the middle of the rainy season experiencing heavy downpours. Many activities have been reduced including construction work. The attendance at Church services have also been reduced.

During the month of July we experienced several weeks of flooding throughout the country especially in the capital city of Freetown.

We continue to pray for our brothers and sisters out there and request that you too pray for us.

Blessings.

Rev. Winston A. Ashcroft

The last funds from our church members sent to Zimmi was specific for the purchase of Bibles. They have wanted to build a church but do not have the funding. We have not been able to send funding for it. We need to raise some funds for Zimmi to help achieve their goal.

About a year and a half ago, it was decided to divide the Missions & Outreach team in two. As a result, the Missions team finds itself in need of more team members. I pray you will consider “stepping up to serve” on this important group.

The first Harvest Festival stand was done by Missions and Outreach for collecting funds for Zimmi. From the proceeds from that stand we were able to send \$ 700 to Zimmi. With only 2 members now on the committee we cannot do a Harvest Festival Stand. Therefore, we need to come up with ways to obtain funding to support our partner church - Zimmi UMC.

I belong to an organization that has held fund raisers through local Fast Food Restaurants, Panera, and OIP of Lewisburg.

Maybe the Lord will put it on your heart to join the Missions’ Committee. Just tell Susan Bastian, our church secretary, if you would like to be part of this committee.

Even if you do not join the Missions’ committee maybe you have some suggestions for raising funds for Zimmi. That would be greatly appreciated.

You can always share your ideas with JoAnn Lloyd or Susan, who will pass them on to Pastor Brian or myself.

See the fund raiser included. It has been posted and in the bulletin.

Respectfully in Christ,

Carriann Y. Shultz, Missions’ chair.

MISSION REPORT

FUND RAISER

Missions is asking for you to, please, help raise funds for our partner church, Zimmi UMC in Sierra Leone.

Where:



When:

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

Time:

11:00 AM - 9:30 PM

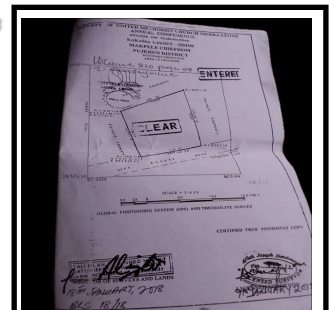
By having Lunch, Dinner or Supper at OIP in Lewisburg with family and friends you will be helping to raise funds for Zimmi

Please Pass the word to others



Pastor Kanu and some of the Zimmi congregation.

A special thank-you to the owner of Lewisburg OIP for being willing to share his profits with us. Without his support this fund raiser would not be possible.



Copy of Zimmi UMC land receipt. We paid for the land.

Now they need funds to build the church.

<i>Upholding our Members in Prayer</i>		
In keeping with HIPPA privacy regulations, we list only the names of Members and active Attendees who agree to be listed.		
<i>Please help us keep the list updated with additions, removals</i>		
<i>and any corrections by contacting the church office. Thank You!</i>		
Pastor Mark Brumbach	Denise Larsen	Michael S. Royer
Diane Delcamp	Janet Lee	Bonnie Rute
Jeff Diggan	Jane Lentz	Lou Ann Sheets
Ruth Eisley	Krissy Lytle	Fred Simon
Larry Emery	Mike McManus	Sylvia Smith
Linda Emery	Richard & Gloria McSwain	Glenn & Ida Snyder
David Everitt (Navy)	Aaron Merwin	Marion Steese
Marlene Fama	Devynn Napp-Barker	Sharon Wert
Peggy Fullmer	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Don Geiger	Edith Noaker	Richard Winter
Sylvia Hendricks	Helen Phillips	Shirley "Sis" Yocum
	Robert Riehl	Emma Zeager
Celebration Villa (Lewisburg) - Shirley Wilver		
Milton N&R - Mary Scholl, Lois Wagner, Ward Walter		
Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter		
Watsontown 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



Recent Member Lost:

Barry Solomon - 8/14/24

If you would like to be removed from receiving this email Newsletter
or if you no longer require an additional copy in the postal mail,
please email or call the church at
SAUMC@PTD.NET or 570-742-2000 ext. 300

Financial Picture

2024	Jul-25	Year-to -date totals
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	21,994.63	154,037.75
Receipts	24,225.88	145,833.50
Expenditures	15,900.42	180,362.48
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,092.48	28,647.50
Receipts	3,555.48	20,043.78
Expenditures	3,799.16	21,645.02
<u>FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)</u>		
Receipts	195.00	670.00
Expenditures	290.00	505.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	2.75	8,525.12
Expenditures (transferred to Trustees)	0.00	19,650.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	2,808.32	19,658.40
Receipts	1,501.81	26,851.09
Expenditures	1,816.66	37,766.22
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	50.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	495.83	3,470.85
Receipts	1,021.92	3,888.00
Expenditures	834.73	2,619.39
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Total Budget	29,391.26	205,814.50
Total Receipts	30,502.84	205,811.49
Total Expenditures	22,640.97	262,548.11

Note: Shares of ministry owed to the conference as of 7/31/24 = \$16,626.36