

St. Andrew's Times

January 2025

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"

Dear St. Andrew's UM Church Family,



As we embark on our new sermon series, "Faithful Footsteps," I invite you to reflect on the profound journey each of us undertakes as followers of Christ. This season in our church calendar offers us an incredible opportunity to align our spiritual path with those who have walked before us, charting unknown waters in pursuit of divine promise and light.

What stands out to me deeply is how faith often mirrors a pilgrimage—steadfast yet unpredictable, demanding our trust and eagerness to embrace God's revelations along the way. Like the Magi who left their comfort zones, guided by a star, each step we take is wrapped in a promise of transformation and discovery. What unknowns is God calling you to explore this season?

On January 1 our new district name will be "The Northern Wilds District." This name was selected as it reflects and acknowledges that a portion of the Pennsylvania Wilds falls within our boundaries, and that no matter where you are in the district, you aren't far from the wilds of nature. I dare say the name also reflects and acknowledges the fact that each of us goes through a metaphorical wilderness, sometimes each and every day.

The wilderness we traverse in our lives may be daunting, but it also holds the potential for extraordinary encounters with grace and truth. How can we prepare our hearts to receive these moments? How can we support one another as a community when the path becomes challenging?

As we journey together, may we remain open to the unexpected, trusting in the consistent presence of Christ's guiding light. Let us encourage one another to keep moving forward with courage and faith, knowing we are not alone. In each step we take, may we discover more of God's love and purpose for our lives.

I look forward to walking this path alongside you, as together we follow in Christ's faithful footsteps.

Blessings on your journey,

Pastor Ben (AKA: PB)

PERSONAL THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone for coming out to our "Advent Open Houses" and spending some time with us. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



PB & Sue



Panther Packs

We are arriving to half way through our packing year. Product is becoming harder and harder to find. Your support, both financially and products, continue to be vital to our success.

Many church members have offered a helping hand and we have had enough people on hand for each Set-Up and Packing event so far. The Panther Packs Team is grateful for the physical support, love and prayers our congregation gives—month after month!

Sunday, February 9th brings the Super Bowl and Panther Packs would like to make that a “Souper Bowl”! Please bring any food item listed below to Church on February 9th to show your support.

Upcoming Schedule:

| Month | # of Wks. | Prepack (1:00) | Set Up (1:00) | Packing (6:00) | School Delivery |
|----------|-----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| January | 4 | 12/17/2024 | 1/7/2025 | 1/8/2025 | 1/9, 15, 23, 30 |
| February | 4 | 1/28/25 | 2/4/2025 | 2/5/2025 | 2/6, 12, 20, 27 |
| March | 4 | 2/18/25 | 2/25/25 | 2/26/25 | 3/6, 12, 20, 27 |
| April | 4 | 3/25/25 | 4/1/25 | 4/2/25 | 4/3, 10, 15, 24 |
| May | 5 | 4/22/25 | 4/29/25 | 4/30/25 | 5/1, 8, 16, 22, 29 |

Food Items always being collected: (Watch Dates)

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| 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 |

Panther Packs, showing the love of Christ through one meal at a time.
Susan Bastian, Co-Leader & The Panther Packs Team

CHURCH SERVANTS

JANUARY 2025



USHERS

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Gary Fullmer | Chief | | |
| Deb Simon | Richard Snyder | Sam Haulman | Bob Layton |

ALTAR STEWARDS

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| Mercy Gray |
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ACOLYTES

| | |
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| 5 | Casey Jo Lytle |
| 12 | Grant Richie |
| 19 | Nelson Wertz |
| 26 | Alivia Ritenour |

FINANCIAL STEWARDS

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| Carol Layton, Deb Simon & Sharon Wert |
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NURSERY

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| 5 | Debbie Haulman |
| 12 | Jill Foresman |
| 19 | Julie Neilson |
| 26 | Debbie Haulman |

LOVE PATROL

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| 5 | Lisa McManus & Crystal Wertz |
| 12 | Mary Richie & Barry Bowers |
| 19 | Sam Haulman & Jill Foresman |
| 26 | Nate Richie & Danielle Kraus |

Can you help in the Nursery???

Sign-Up now with Debbie Haulman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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| 5 | Mary Richie & Sam Haulman |
| 12 | Lauren Richie & Susan Bastian |
| 19 | Nate Richie & Danielle Kraus |
| 26 | Crystal Wertz & Alania Taylor |

GREETERS

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|----|-------------------|
| 5 | Lisa McManus |
| 12 | Debbie Haulman |
| 19 | Terry & Mona Napp |
| 26 | Barry Bowers, Jr. |

TECH DEPARTMENT

| | SOUNDBOARD | POWER POINT | VIDEO |
|----|---------------|---------------|-------|
| 5 | Chadrick, Jr. | Layla | Helen |
| 12 | Bob (Dennis) | Colton | Sam |
| 19 | Barry | Chadrick, Jr. | Helen |
| 26 | Colton | Barry | Sam |

JAN 2025

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Office Hours:
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 |
| | | | Office Closed | 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir | | Rental 12-6pm (SH/Gym) |
| | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 |
| **Fellowship Meal 5:30pm Youth Group | 4-4:45pm Community Harvest Meal | 1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up | 6:00pm Panther Packs | 7:15pm Adult Choir | | |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| **Joyful Noise Offering | 4-4:45pm Community Harvest Meal | 7:00pm Trustee Mtg | | 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir | | |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 5:30pm Youth Group | NO Community Harvest Meal 7:00pm Bell Choir 7:00-9:00pm BVS Practice | | | 7:15pm Adult Choir | | |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| | 4-4:45pm Community Harvest Meal 6:00pm Panther Packs Team Mtg 7:00pm Bell Choir 7:00-9:00pm BVS Practice | 1pm Panther Packs Pre Pack | | 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir | | |

Social Hall and Gym Closed all week for New Flooring!

SPPR UPDATE

Happy New Year Church Family!

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.....

I know, you're thinking where is he going with this. My goal was to set the hook quickly so I would have everyone's attention. I mean turning darkness to light is a pretty big deal, right?

So I walked into the church the other day and reached for the light switch and smiled to myself thinking, "Let there be light" and when I threw the switch, there it was. And it was good, because I could walk through the office without falling directly on my face. That was truly a blessing right there and one less trip to the ER.

So how did this small miracle happen you ask? Drum roll please..... Because Debbie Haulman paid the light bill. :-)

So as we continue to acknowledge our church employee's, I'd like to turn our attention to the tireless efforts put forth by our St. Andrews Financial Secretary, Debbie Haulman.

Debbie volunteers (**as a servant PB**) an incredible amount of time, quietly completing many tasks behind the scenes. Debbie's responsibilities are many and are very critical to the continued operation of our church. Not only does Debbie make sure all the utilities are paid, but she also is our financial liaison to Noah's Ark and the IRS (prayer request out for that last one).

Debbie maintains spreadsheets and completes all tax documents and financial transactions, accounting accurately for every penny coming in and out of St. Andrews. Additionally, Debbie serves on the SPPR committee, assists the Administrative Council and is very involved in the youth Sunday school program. And in case you haven't noticed, you can often see her in the kitchen serving food and drink for social time and special events. Confidentiality is a huge aspect of Debbie's position and her integrity is never in question. I could continue to list many more contributions Debbie has made at St. Andrews, but I think it's obvious.

On a personal note, Debbie grew up everywhere, as she was the daughter of a United States Air Force military serviceman and in July 1988, she married Sam Haulman. Sam and Debbie are blessed with four adult children, Chrissy, Stephanie, Matt and Mindy and 11 grandchildren. The Haulmans started attending St. Andrews in 2009 and joined shortly after. They have been dedicated servants ever since. In her spare time, Debbie likes to travel and can be heard singing songs of praise on the back of Sam's Harley Davidson, well maybe (HaHa!).

In closing, we extend a big thank you to Debbie and if you see her in passing or happen to stop by the office for any reason, please feel welcome to just say hello or thank her for her dedication to St. Andrew's.

Stay tuned to see who is next.

Sincerely,
Mike Dunkle, SPPR Chair



BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------|----|
| Dennis & Diane Delcamp | 6 |
| Michael & Mary Leon | 20 |

Introducing the Revised Common Lectionary: Deepening Our Journey Together

As we continue to grow in our faith journey, we're excited to introduce a new tool that will enhance our daily readings and connect us more deeply with the greater Christian community—the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). For those accustomed to daily reading lists, the RCL will offer a structured approach grounded in centuries of tradition, allowing us to explore Scripture in a more organized manner while providing ample opportunities for personal reflection and study.

The RCL is designed to offer a comprehensive look at the Bible over a three-year cycle, covering major themes and stories that unite us with Christians worldwide. It hosts a plethora of research materials, enabling us to delve deeper into specific passages and understand the broader context of our faith. By aligning our readings with the RCL, we can better connect our personal devotional practices with our many of our worship experiences and some of our sermon series, creating a more unified and cohesive spiritual experience.


We encourage everyone to take advantage of this new approach by engaging with the RCL through our monthly newsletters and weekly posts. Whether you're looking to enrich your personal study or find new ways to connect Scripture with your daily life, the RCL is an invaluable resource. Let's embark on this journey together and discover the profound insights and inspirations that the RCL has to offer. May our hearts and minds be opened to the wisdom and guidance of the Scriptures, as we walk this path with curiosity and faith.

Remember, exploring Scripture is not just an individual endeavor, but a communal one. Feel free to share your insights, questions, or reflections with our church community as we all seek to grow in grace and understanding.

SCRIPTURE READING

Year C Daily Readings

- January 1 - New Year's Day:
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelations 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
- January 2 - Psalm 147:12-20; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18
- January 3 - Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17; Luke 8:16-21
- January 4 - Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53
- January 5 - Second Sunday after Christmas Day:
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18
- January 6 - Epiphany of the Lord:
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7 & 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- January 7 - Psalm 72; Daniel 2:1-19; Ephesians 4:17-5:1
- January 8 - Psalm 72; Daniel 2:24-49; Ephesians 5:15-20
- January 9 - Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- January 10 - Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10
- January 11 - Psalm 29; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16
- January 12 - Baptism of the Lord:
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22
- January 13 - Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 4:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-17
- January 14 - Psalm 106:1-12; Judges 5:12-21; 1 John 5:13-21
- January 15 - Psalm 106:1-12; Numbers 27:1-11; Luke 11:33-36
- January 16 - Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:1-5; Acts 8:18-24
- January 17 - Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 3:19-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-7
- January 18 - Psalm 36:5-10; Jeremiah 4:1-4; Luke 11:14-23
- January 19 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany:
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11
- January 20 - Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21
- January 21 - Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-17
- January 22 - Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1; Luke 5:33-39
- January 23 - Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6
- January 24 - Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8
- January 25 - Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52
- January 26 - Third Sunday after the Epiphany:
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 & 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
- January 27 - Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
- January 28 - Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12
- January 29 - Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44
- January 30 - Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48
- January 31 - Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10

| <i>Upholding our Members in Prayer</i> | | |
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| 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 | Bonnie Rute |
| Diane Delcamp | Janet Lee | Lou Ann Sheets |
| Jeff Diggan | Jane Lentz | Fred Simon |
| Ruth Eisley | Krissy Lytle | Sylvia Smith |
| Larry Emery | Mike McManus | Glenn & Ida Snyder |
| Linda Emery | Aaron Merwin | Marion Steese |
| David Everitt (Navy) | Devynn Napp-Barker | Sharon Wert |
| Marlene Fama | Sean Neilson (Navy) | Kathy & Gary Wieand |
| Peggy Fullmer | Helen Phillips | Richard Winter |
| Don Geiger | Robert Riehl | Shirley "Sis" Yocum |
| Sylvia Hendricks | Michael S. Royer | Jean Zartman |
| 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

~or~

Church Office during business hours - 570-742-2000 ext 300

Changes to printed list should be given to the office

Financial Picture

| 2024 | Nov. 2024 | Year-to -date totals |
|------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <u>CURRENT</u> | | |
| Budgeted | 22,094.65 | 242,116.35 |
| Receipts | 12,156.51 | 206,475.33 |
| Expenditures | 17,840.48 | 212,913.94 |
| <u>MISSION</u> | | |
| Budgeted | 4,092.48 | 45,017.42 |
| Receipts | 4,815.00 | 34,079.72 |
| Expenditures | 3,809.16 | 38,321.66 |
| <u>FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)</u> | | |
| Receipts | 50.00 | 970.00 |
| Expenditures | 0.00 | 845.00 |
| <u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u> | | |
| Budgeted | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Receipts | 0.00 | 8,532.78 |
| Expenditures (transferred to Trustees) | 0.00 | 19,650.00 |
| <u>TRUSTEE</u> | | |
| Budgeted | 2,808.32 | 30,891.68 |
| Receipts | 600.00 | 30,486.01 |
| Expenditures | 1,081.76 | 42,634.97 |
| Rally Day Receipts (non-budget) | 0.00 | 50.00 |
| <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> | | |
| Budgeted | 495.83 | 5,454.17 |
| Receipts | 88.00 | 5,051.38 |
| Expenditures | 323.04 | 3,793.07 |
| | | |
| Total Budget | 29,491.28 | 323,479.62 |
| Total Receipts | 17,709.51 | 285,595.22 |
| Total Expenditures | 23,054.44 | 318,158.64 |

Note: Shares of ministry owed to the conference as of 11/30/24 = \$16,626.36