

# ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

FEBRUARY 2025



**St. Andrew's**  
united methodist church

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## ANNIVERSARY:

Kenneth & Sandra Dorman - 2/3  
Harry & Sheila Evans - 2/8  
Rodney & Julie Blanton - 2/9  
Michael & Lisa McManus - 2/10  
Melvin & Joann Lloyd - 2/11  
Jerry & Cheryl Wilver - 2/14

## BIRTHDAY:

Peggy Fullmer - 2/1  
Audrey Kurtz - 2/2  
Matthew Baker - 2/4  
Jennifer Hoffman - 2/4  
Edna Walter - 2/5  
Jane Weaver - 2/5  
Addison Baker - 2/8  
John Fultz - 2/8  
Janet Lee - 2/9  
Diana Ptaszowski - 2/9  
Adam Slother - 2/9  
Melissa Faulkner - 2/10  
Debbie Haulman - 2/11  
Gary Napp - 2/11  
Amara Anderson - 2/12  
Carmen Cromley-Clayton - 2/13  
Maretta Pick - 2/13  
Julie Blanton - 2/15  
Eddie Reynolds - 2/15  
Angela Clark - 2/16  
Lenny Yocum - 2/16  
Jean Yount - 2/16  
Benjamin Frey - 2/17  
Dana Thomas - 2/17  
Barry Keefer - 2/22  
Gavin Doane - 2/24  
Judith Hartman - 2/24  
Thomas Easley - 2/24  
Charlie Coup - 2/27  
Ruth Chrismer - 2/27  
Gloria McSwain - 2/27  
Jesse Vincent - 2/28  
Craig Richie 2/29

## "Unpocketed Faith"



Dear St. Andrew's UM Church Family,

Have you ever accidentally activated your smartphone's flashlight? Maybe while it was in your purse or your pocket, just blazing away for no reason (I've done it with the camera app and ended up with 20 pictures of the inside of my pants pocket. All that powerful light (and all the phone's energy!) is wasted. Jesus's words in Matthew 5:14 remind me of this modern parallel: "You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden."

Many of us have grown comfortable keeping our faith tucked away, like that flashlight in a pocket. Perhaps we're worried about offending others, or we've bought into the idea that faith should be completely private. But Jesus's imagery of a city on a hill challenges this notion directly. He doesn't say we should be or could be visible - he states it as a fact: a city on a hill can't be hidden.

Think about that for a moment. In Jesus's time, cities were often built on hillsides for protection, and the light from their fires and torches would naturally shine out across the countryside at night. They weren't trying to be seen; they were seen because of what they were and where they were placed. In the same way, when we truly live out our faith, visibility isn't something we have to force - it becomes a natural outcome of who we are in Christ.

This doesn't mean we need to stand on street corners with megaphones or turn every conversation into a sermon. Instead, it's about letting the authentic light of Christ shine through our daily actions, conversations, and choices. It might look like:

- Responding with grace when others expect anger
- Speaking hope into somebody's desperate situation
- Making ethical choices in our workplace, even when costly
- Showing compassion to those others overlook

Sometimes we keep our light hidden because we feel inadequate or unprepared. Remember, though - Jesus didn't say "You will become the light" or "You should try to be the light." He said, "You are the light." It's not about perfection; it's about presence and authenticity.

As we move forward this month, I challenge each of us to consider: Where have we been keeping our light hidden? What would it look like to move that light from the pocket to the hillside? The world needs the hope, love, and truth we carry - not displayed with arrogance, but shared with humility and grace.

Let's step out of our comfort zones together, allowing God's light to shine naturally through our lives. After all, that's what cities on hills do.

In Christ's Light, *Pastor Brian (M.A.-P.D.)*

P.S. I'd love to hear your stories of how God is helping you become more visible in your faith journey. Stop by my office or send me an email to share!

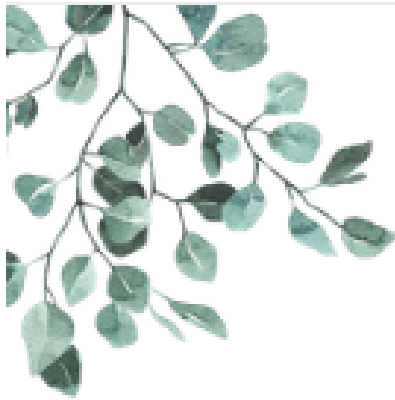


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# Scripture Reading

- February 1 - Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51
- February 2 - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany:  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
- February 3 - Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
- February 4 - Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
- February 5 - Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44
- February 6 - Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25
- February 7 - Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31
- February 8 - Psalm 138; Judges 3:7-11; Luke 4:42-44
- February 9 - Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Isaiah 6:1-9, (9-13); Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11
- February 10 - Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
- February 11 - Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9
- February 12 - Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32
- February 13 - Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32
- February 14 - Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17-2:1
- February 15 - Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28
- February 16 - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26
- February 17 - Psalm 120; 2 Kings 24:18-25:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
- February 18 - Psalm 120; Ezra 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 1:12-19
- February 19 - Psalm 120; Jeremiah 22:11-17; Luke 11:37-52
- February 20 - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 43:16-34; Romans 8:1-11
- February 21 - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:1-17; 1 John 2:12-17
- February 22 - Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:18-34; Luke 12:57-59
- February 23 - Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany  
Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50;  
Luke 6:27-38
- February 24 - Psalm 38; Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
- February 25 - Psalm 38; 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
- February 26 - Psalm 38; Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4
- February 27 - Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16
- February 28 - Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8



# 2025

# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Kitchen In-Use All Day
Fellowship Meal (Meatloaf) 2 5:30pm Youth Group	3 Love INC Training - using SS Room 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Ad Council 7:00pm Bell Practice 7-9pm BVS Practice	4 1:00pm P. Packs Set-Up 6:00pm Missions Mtg	5 8:00pm P. Packs	6 7:15pm Adult Choir	7	8
"Soup'er Bowl Sunday" 9 Joyful Noise	10 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Bell Practice 7-9pm BVS Practice	11 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	12	13 8-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 Youth Group Lock-In TBA
16 5:30pm Youth Group	17 4:00pm Community Harvest "Servants Needed" 7:00pm Bell Practice 7-9pm BVS Practice	18 1:00pm P. Packs PrePack	19	20	21	22 All Day Rental Kitchen/SH/Gym
23	24 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Bell Practice 7-9pm BVS Practice	25 1:00pm P. Packs Set-Up	26 8:00pm P. Packs	27 8-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	28	

**\*\*Reminder:** Wedding surveys are due to the office by February 9th

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will begin March 2nd during the Sunday School hour. The 13-week program (excluding Easter Sunday) will culminate in a confirmation service during Sunday morning worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8. Youth (6th grade and up) and adults interested in participating and potentially becoming church members should contact Pastor Brian.



# Servants February 2025



Acolytes	
2	Layla Richie
9	Kinlee Lytle
16	Nelson Wertz
23	Jane Wertz

Greeters	
2	Larry & Bonnie Lloyd
9	Debbie Haulman
16	Bob & Cindy Snyder
23	Fred & Debbie Simon

Nursery	
2	Alaina Taylor
9	Debbie Simon
16	Debbie Haulman
23	Danielle Kraus

Altar Stewards
Mary Richie & Cindy Snyder

Love Patrol	
2	Lisa McManus TBA
9	Jill Foresman Barry Bowers
16	Alania Taylor Sam Haulman
23	Nate Richie Danielle Kraus

Children's Church	
2	Debbie Haulman Crystal Wertz
9	Lauren Richie Susan Bastian
16	Danielle Kraus Nate Richie
23	Sam Haulman Alania Taylor

Financial Stewards
Mercy Gray & Debbie Haulman

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
2	Barry Bowers	Colton Ritenour	Sam Haulman
9	Bob Snyder	Chadrick Bastian, Jr.	Helen Wertz
16	Chadrick Bastian, Jr.	Barry Bowers	Sam Haulman
23	Colton Ritenour	Layla Richie	Helen Wertz

Ushers			
Larry Lloyd, Chief			
Gerald Wertz	Richard Neilson	Debbie Haulman	Dennis Delcamp



# Panther Packs

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February is a busy month for Panther Packs. Packing nights will be held on the 5th and 26th - this means we have a very short time to restock the pantry with product. To help with this, we are celebrating "Soup"er Bowl Sunday on February 9th. You are asked to donate any items from the image below. Starting February 16th, we will be introducing "fill a bag" - A reusable bag will be labeled with a specific item, you will be asked to take the bag on Sunday and return by the following Sunday with that product inside. More information about this will be shared closer to 2/16.

**"Save the Dates"** for Remaining Schedule this School Year:

Month:	PrePack	Set-Up	Packing
February	1/28	2/4	2/5
March	2/18	2/25	2/26
April	3/25	4/1	4/2
May	4/22	4/29	4/30
Team Meeting	April 7th @ 6pm		
End of Year	Thank You Gathering: May 18th @ 2pm		



Recently I received an email from Arnie Wilver in response to a series of text messages sent through the team group chat. I felt it important to quote a bit of your email: "And Jesus said 'You feed them!'..." "Panther packs is such a mission. There are so many families and kids that are depending on that weekend bag to supply them with food. We all have experienced tough times, but to have empty cupboards and an empty refrigerator is far beyond our reality."... "We cannot afford to allow our differences to get in the way of loving God with all our hearts and loving each other as we are called to do as the body of Christ. We are all broken and we certainly live in a broken world, but we worship a God that has overcome brokenness. Let's remember it takes all of us. Let's remember we have 293 kids depending on us to love each other as well as all of them." Thank you Arnie for your continued support!

Susan Bastian, Panther Packs Co-Chair

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

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, Dr. Christiana Hena and her ministry with Healthy Women/Healthy Liberia.

Faith Promise Groups we support: Child Evangelism, Expectations Women's Center & Love INC

**Prayer Chain:** Please call Mercy Gray @ 570-701-7948 (home) 570-939-5225 (cell) or Church Office (Susan Bastian) 570-742-2000 ext. 300 Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8am-1pm

Faith

Hope

Love

## GROWING DISCIPLES

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" - this is the mission of the United Methodist Church. While church membership and worship attendance are vital, they're just part of our larger calling. What exactly is a disciple? How do we make disciples? How do we measure our own growth as disciples?

Pastor Brian is forming a small group to explore these essential questions and create a "Discipleship Pathway" for St. Andrew's UMC. The group will:

- Read and discuss selected books
- Examine personal discipleship growth
- Study Milton area demographics
- Help shape our church's vision for disciple-making

If you feel called to participate in this important work, please contact Pastor Brian soon. Due to the focused nature of this initiative, space in the group will be limited.

**WAYS TO GIVE**

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# *Financial Picture*

2024	Dec. 2024	Year-to -date totals
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Budgeted	21,994.65	264,111.00
Receipts	22,140.05	228,616.46
Expenditures	25,179.79	237,928.56
<b>MISSION</b>		
Budgeted	4,092.48	49,109.90
Receipts	6,290.37	40,370.34
Expenditures	6,547.23	44,868.89
<b>FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)</b>		
Receipts	70.00	1,040.00
Expenditures	195.00	1,040.00
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	2.66	8,537.85
Expenditures (transferred to Trustees-steps)	0.00	19,650.00
<b>TRUSTEE</b>		
Budgeted	2,808.32	33,700.00
Receipts	12,019.73	42,507.21
Expenditures	2,124.07	44,759.04
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	50.00
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>		
Budgeted	495.83	5,950.00
Receipts	96.85	5,149.03
Expenditures	524.98	4,318.05
<b>Total Budget</b>	29,391.28	352,870.90
<b>Total Receipts</b>	40,619.66	326,220.89
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	34,571.07	352,564.54
Note: Shares of ministry owed to the conference as of 12/31/24 = \$16,626.36		

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



# SHARING GOOD!

## *Through Pictures*

### SOCIAL HALL/GYM FLOORING

The church trustees decided that it was time to replace the flooring in the social hall and gym area. Using funds from the estate of Larry Gray (with Mercy's permission), a contribution from Noah's Ark, and the trustees maintenance endowment, this project was completed the week of January 20th, and we're sure you will agree it looks great!



### Children's Church

Children learned the importance of God's word in guiding their lives during Children's Church recently where they studied Psalm 119:105 and made a related craft.



**Youth Group**  
"Axe of Faith"  
event on  
January 25th