

# ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

MARCH 2025



## ANNIVERSARY:

Thomas & Dana Easley - 3/4  
Jim & Jill Foresman - 3/6  
Terry & Mona Napp - 3/18

## BIRTHDAY:

Joshua Desiderati - 3/1  
Susan O'Brien - 3/1  
Mike Reich - 3/1  
Ruth Easley - 3/2  
Chris Emory - 3/2  
Anthony Meade - 3/2  
Rusty Baker - 3/3  
Jeremy Brown - 3/4  
Sandra Miller - 3/4  
Cindy Snyder - 3/5  
Kevin Wagner - 3/5  
Heather Rivera - 3/6  
Daniel Brown - 3/7  
Stephanie Byers - 3/7  
Claire Dick - 3/7  
David Miller - 3/7  
Carolyn Reimensnyder - 3/7  
Kelsey Stahlnecker - 3/9  
Santee Stitely - 3/9  
Casey Jo Lytle - 3/10  
Irene Dick - 3/11  
Tabitha Wingate - 3/11  
Sharon Wert - 3/12  
Grant Stitely - 3/14  
Alaina Taylor - 3/14  
Susan Paul - 3/16  
Michael Riehl - 3/16  
Terza Kline - 3/20  
Carson Koch - 3/20  
Lucas Shearer - 3/20  
Bud Dugan - 3/21  
Brenda Pearl - 3/21  
Läuren Steiner - 3/21  
Crystal Wertz - 3/21  
Michelle McNichols - 3/22  
Freda Vastine - 3/22  
Molly Brown - 3/23  
Terri Snyder - 3/23  
Denise Baker - 3/27  
Keith Baker - 3/27  
Donna Chrismer - 3/27  
Michael Snyder - 3/27  
Helen Wertz - 3/27  
Logan Stahlnecker - 3/29  
Darren Stitely - 3/29



## The Journey Within: Finding Renewal in Lent

Dear Church Family,

When I was a child, I remember looking at the smudged cross of ashes on foreheads and wondering why we would begin a spiritual journey by reminding ourselves that we are dust. Now, as we prepare to enter the Lenten season once again, I understand this paradox more deeply—our acknowledgment of human frailty becomes the very doorway to divine strength.

Lent invites us into a 40-day journey that mirrors Jesus' time in the wilderness. As Matthew 4:1-2 tells us: "The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness so that the devil might tempt him. After Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights, he was starving." This season calls us to our own wilderness—a place of stripping away distractions and confronting what truly lives in our hearts.

The beauty of Lent lies not in what we give up, but in what we make room for. Isaiah 58:6-7 reminds us of the fast that God truly desires: "Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke? Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house?"

As we journey through these 40 days, I invite you to consider how your Lenten practices might create space for God's transforming work. Perhaps your journey involves:

- Setting aside 15 minutes each day for prayer and scripture reading
- Fasting from something that consumes too much of your attention
- Adding a practice of generosity or service to your weekly routine

Remember that Lent isn't about perfection—it's about direction. Each time we falter in our commitments, we're reminded of our need for grace, which is precisely the point.



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The apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 5:20-21: "So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, 'Be reconciled to God!' God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God."

Reconciliation stands at the heart of this season—the mending of what's broken between us and God, between us and others, between us and creation, even between the fragmented parts of ourselves. Each prayer, each act of generosity, each moment of honest self-examination becomes a step on the path back home.

While Lent involves personal reflection, we don't walk this road alone. I encourage you to share your journey with others in our congregation. Join a small group, a Sunday school class, the bell or vocal choir, or engage with a prayer partner; each provides space where we can be honest about our struggles and celebrations. The wilderness feels less daunting when we journey together.

As we move toward Holy Week and Easter, let's remember that the ashes on our foreheads trace the shape of the cross—the very symbol of how God transforms death into life, despair into hope, endings into beginnings. May this Lenten season be a time when you discover, perhaps to your surprise, that in the very places where you feel most empty, God is already at work, preparing something new.

Grace and peace for the journey,

*Pastor Bill (AKA: PB)*

### **SURVEY RESULTS**

We thank you for sharing your thoughts and opinions in your responses to our recent wedding policy survey. As a reminder, this was not a vote, as all building use policies fall under the purview of the Trustees.

Your responses to the options were as follows: • 26 support both heterosexual and same-gender weddings (8 of those specified only for active members) • 46 support only heterosexual weddings (3 of those specified only for active members) • 1 supports no weddings at all • 10 would support pausing decisions for a time of intentional dialogue and study • 2 suggested allowing the decision to be up to the current pastor.

This information will be shared with the Trustees and the Administrative Council.





# Scripture Reading

- March 1 - Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24
- March 2 - Transfiguration Sunday  
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 - Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)
- March 3 - Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a
- March 4 - Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33
- March 5 - Ash Wednesday  
Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- March 6 - Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34
- March 7 - Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42
- March 8 - Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36
- March 9 - First Sunday in Lent  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
- March 10 - Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6
- March 11 - Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21
- March 12 - Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34-22:6
- March 13 - Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12
- March 14 - Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20
- March 15 - Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39
- March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent  
Genesis 15:1-23, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35
- March 17 - Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12
- March 18 - Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- March 19 - Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31
- March 20 - Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11
- March 21 - Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6
- March 22 - Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45
- March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent  
Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
- March 24 - Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11
- March 25 - Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16
- March 26 - Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21
- March 27 - Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
- March 28 - Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15
- March 29 - Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10
- March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
- March 31 - Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8



# 2025

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Kitchen In-Use All Day
Fellowship Meal (Ham Pot Pie) 2 5:30pm Youth Group	3 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Bell Practice 7-9pm BVS Practice	4 6:00pm Noah's Ark Board Meeting	5 7:00pm Ash Wednesday	6 7:15pm Adult Choir	7	8 Youth Group to Winter Jam
Daylight Savings 9 Joyful Noise Scout Sunday	10 Areas In-Use All Day for BOOM Mtgs 4:00pm Community Harvest 7-9pm BVS Practice	11 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	12	13 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	14	15
16 5:30pm Youth Group	17 4:00pm Community Harvest* *Servants Needed 7:00pm Bell Practice	18	19	20 7:15pm Adult Choir	21	22
Daniel Wilt - "Simplified Accountable Structure" discussion after church (bring your own refreshment) 23	24 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Bell Practice	25 1:00pm P. Packs PrePack 6:00pm SPPR Mtg	26	27 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	28	29
30	31 4:00pm Community Harvest 6:00pm Mission/Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Bell Practice	<b>GROWING DISCIPLES</b>				

"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.





## **HOP TO IT! EASTER BREAKFAST EXTRAVAGANZA** 🐰

Skip the cooking and join the celebration! This Easter Sunday, we're trading our usual Sunday school and fellowship time for something special—an Easter morning feast hosted by Bill Miller and his culinary dream team!

Treat yourself to a delicious spread featuring:

- Made-to-order waffles with all your favorite toppings
- Savory breakfast casseroles that'll have you saying "Hallelujah!"
- Plus more morning delights still in the works

Don't miss out on this egg-ceptional Easter experience! To help our kitchen crew prepare just the right amount, please make your reservation with the church office by Sunday, April 13th.

Bring your appetite and leave room for fellowship, faith, and fun!

**Children's  
Easter  
Party  
during  
worship  
April 13th**



## Soup and the Word

12 PM - 1 PM  
First Presbyterian Church  
47 Walnut St. Milton, PA

Every  
Wednesday  
during Lent!



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VBS 2025**  
**June 23rd - June 26th**  
**1:00 - 3:00pm**



# Servants

## March 2025



Acolytes	
2	Grant Richie
9	Laila Tanner
16	Olivia Tanner
23	Casey Jo Lytle
30	Nelson Wertz

Greeters	
2	Susan Bastian
9	Nate & Lauren Richie
16	Mary Richie
23	Jill Foresman
30	Mercy Gray

Nursery	
2	Jill Foresman
9	Julie Neilson
16	Debbie Haulman
23	Debbie Haulman
30	Mary Richie

Altar Stewards	
Holly Solomon & Roberta Cornelius	

Financial Stewards	
Mona Napp & Shirley Coup	

Ushers	
David Stahl, Chief	
Jeff Diggan	Terry Napp
Steve Bennage	Nate Richie

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

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

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
2	Colton	Layla	Chadrick, Jr.
5 (Ash Wed)	Barry	Susan	Chadrick, Jr.
9	Bob	Colton	Sam
10 (8:45-9:20am)	Bob	Susan	-----
16	Barry	Layla	Chadrick, Jr.
23	Colton	Chadrick, Jr.	Sam
23 (after service)	Bob	Susan	-----
30	Chadrick, Jr.	Layla	Helen



# Panther Packs

A MINISTRY OF  
ST. ANDREW'S UMC  
MILTON PA

February was a crazy whirlwind of packing for both February and March before the month was even over! As we head into March, stocking product in the pantry continues to be our primary focus and we are always accepting donations from the listed items below. We have recently started handing out backpacks during church listing a specific item you can shop for and return the following week. Be on the look-out for these "orange backpacks" so you can help stock the pantry shelves.

2 More packing nights remain in April on the 2nd and 30th. Thank you to our faithful team of volunteers and area community groups that make these nights a success!

We will have the final team meeting of this season on April 7th and will be inviting everyone that has helped (our congregation, other churches, local organizations and community members) to an end of year "Thank you Gathering" on May 18th at 2pm. This will be a wonderful time to celebrate a successful packing season!

~Susan Bastian, Panther Packs Co-Chair

**PANTHER PACKS**

Cereal, Oatmeal, Pop Tarts  
Ramen Noodles, Mac & Cheese  
Tuna or Chicken (Packet/Small Can)  
Canned Pasta, Soup, Stew, Chili (Pop Top)  
Fruit, Applesauce, Pudding Cups  
Cereal, Granola, Breakfast Bars  
Creamy Peanut Butter (Small Jars)

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

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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	Shirley Wilver
Marlene Fama	Mike McManus	Lou Ann Sheets	Richard Winter
Peggy Fullmer	Aaron Merwin	Fred Simon	Shirley "Sis" Yocum
			Jean Zartman

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

# WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE      TEXT      CASH/CHECK

**St. Andrew's**  
united methodist church  
102 Lower Market Street, Milton PA 17847  
(570) 742-2000

SCAN TO  
GIVE ONLINE

TEXT "GIVE" TO  
570-553-5676

**New Areas of Giving added for the Lent Season:**

**Online - Options added to give to:**

- ASH WEDNESDAY
- EASTER
- LENT ENVELOPES
- MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Text:**

- ex: text "\$50 ash" to give to ASH WEDNESDAY
- ex: text "\$50 easter" to give to EASTER
- ex: text "\$50 lent" to give to LENT ENVELOPES
- ex: text "\$50 maundy" to give to MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Any Questions, please contact Susan during office hours:  
Monday / Wednesday / Friday - 8am-1pm**

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