

ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

APRIL 2025



ANNIVERSARY:

Benjamin & Michelle Frey - 4/12
Ed & Sue Russell - 4/12
Scott & Karen Herman - 4/16
Scott & Donna Chrismer - 4/21
Bob & Tanya Turnbaugh - 4/21
Gary & Mary Jane Snyder - 4/26
Mike & Rochelle Bastian - 4/30
Buzz & Naomi Reed - 4/30

BIRTHDAY:

Kimberly Bingaman - 4/2
Lori Bastian - 4/4
Pamela Kurtz - 4/4
Aubry McConnell - 4/4
Delaney Kraus - 4/5
Scott Stahl - 4/5
Michael Porter - 4/6
Susan Lucas - 4/7
Stacy Shultz - 4/8
Jonathan Dick - 4/9
Jim Weaver - 4/10
Bonnie Rute - 4/13
Kathy Wieand - 4/13
Jeff Diggan - 4/14
Bill Dries - 4/14
Calie Taylor - 4/15
Julia Mitchell - 4/16
Beth Shannon - 4/16
Terry Mathias - 4/17
Tiffany Snyder - 4/17
Ronni Toro - 4/17
Alecia McElwee - 4/19
Steve Bennage - 4/22
Michael Dunkle - 4/22
Michael R. Royer - 4/22
Amy Miller - 4/23
Melissa Rohm - 4/23
Lori Walter - 4/23
Alexis Waltman - 4/24
Rochelle Bastian - 4/27
Mary Huff - 4/27
Amy Bastian - 4/29
Owen Hoffman - 4/29
Kathy Kovel - 4/29
Shirley Wilver - 4/29
Daniel Baker - 4/30



Spring's Promise: Easter's Hope

Dear St. Andrew's Church Family,

A couple of weeks ago, Sue tells me, "There's something pushing up the mulch out front, I don't know if it's an animal digging at it or what." Over the next couple of days, the bulge grew until Sue decided to clear away the mulch and pull back the weed fabric to reveal a hyacinth which had been pushing its way through. Another couple days later, the blossoms began to open up and it is a beautiful blue/purple color. We had no idea it was there as it was long dead when we moved in and the mulch had been freshly dispersed. But it was there dormant, just waiting for the right conditions to burst into new life.

Isn't that just like God? Taking what appears lifeless and bringing forth something beautiful and unexpected.

As we enter the Easter season, nature itself preaches a sermon about resurrection. The same God who transforms barren branches into blossoming trees is the God who rolled away the stone from Jesus's tomb. As the prophet Isaiah proclaimed, "Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness" (Isaiah 43:19 CEB).

The resurrection story in John's Gospel begins in a garden, where Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb. Through her tears, she mistakes the risen Jesus for a gardener (John 20:15). Perhaps this wasn't a mistake at all—for isn't Jesus the ultimate Gardener of our souls, cultivating new life where we see only death?

The message of Easter isn't just about what happened in that garden two thousand years ago. Paul tells us, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 CEB). Like our unknown hyacinth (and tulips and daffodils), new life can spring forth in the most unexpected places of our lives: - In relationships we thought were beyond repair - In dreams we had given up on - In hearts we believed were too hardened to change - In hope we assumed was lost forever.



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So how do we live as people of resurrection? Here are some practical ways to embrace new life this season:

1. Look for signs of God's renewal in your daily life—where do you see hope sprouting?
2. Participate in a community garden project, literally helping new life grow
3. Reach out to someone who needs to hear a message of hope

Remember, Easter isn't just a day—it's a way of living. We are Easter people, called to be witnesses of resurrection in a world that desperately needs hope.

As I watch the hyacinth growing taller each day, I'm reminded that God's timing isn't always our timing. Sometimes growth happens slowly, sometimes it bursts forth overnight, but it always happens according to God's perfect schedule.

What feels dead in your life right now? What dreams, hopes, or relationships seem beyond revival? Remember, the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in you.

This Easter season, let's be people who believe in resurrection—not just as a historical event, but as a present reality. Let's be people who look for new life in unexpected places and trust in the God who makes all things new.

With hope in the Risen Christ,

Pastor Bum (AKA: PB)

WORSHIP UPDATE

Although we might think of Easter as only one day, it lasts 50 days (7 weeks) from Easter through Pentecost. This year we will be using a worship series titled: The Heart of the Matter. The life and death of Jesus had one strong message that was both overt and inherent: love one another. Time and again we hear Jesus offer the disciples a post-resurrection message of empowerment to give to the world what he had given to them. This Easter Season we will encourage one another to truly live out the heart of the matter.

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



Scripture Reading

- April 1 - Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10
- April 2 - Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17
- April 3 - Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24
- April 4 - Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:8-15; Philippians 2:25-3:1
- April 5 - Psalm 126; Exodus 12:21-27; John 11:45-57
- April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent - Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
- April 7 - Psalm 20; Exodus 40:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-25
- April 8 - Psalm 20; Judges 9:7-15; 1 John 2:18-28
- April 9 - Psalm 20; Habakkuk 3:2-15; Luke 18:31-34
- April 10 - Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 53:10-12; Hebrews 2:1-9
- April 11 - Psalm 31:9-16; Isaiah 54:9-10; Hebrews 2:10-18
- April 12 - Psalm 31:9-16; Leviticus 23:1-8; Luke 22:1-13
- April 13 - Liturgy of the Palms - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19-28-40
- April 14 - Monday of Holy Week - Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
- April 15 - Tuesday of Holy Week - Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
John 12:20-36
- April 16 - Wednesday of Holy Week - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3;
John 13:21-32
- April 17 - Maundy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
- April 18 - Good Friday - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
- April 19 - Holy Saturday - Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66
- April 20 - Easter - Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6-b-8; Luke 24:13-49
- April 21 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
- April 22 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12
- April 23 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 2 Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12
- April 24 - Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16
- April 25 - Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26
- April 26 - Psalm 150; 1 Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40
- April 27 - Second Sunday of Easter - Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31
- April 28 - Psalm 122; Esther 7:1-10; Revelation 1:9-20
- April 29 - Psalm 122; Esther 8:1-17; Revelation 2:8-11
- April 30 - Psalm 122; Esther 9:1-5, 18-23; Luke 12:4-12



2025

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00pm P. Packs Set-Up	2 6:00pm P. Packs Packing	3 7:15pm Adult Choir	4	5 Kitchen In-Use All Day
Fellowship Meal (Fish Fry) 6 5:30pm Youth Group	7 4:00pm Community Harvest 6:00pm P. Packs Team Mtg 7:00pm Bell Practice	8 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	9	10 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	11	12 Kitchen / S. Hall In Use Noon-8pm
Palm Sunday 13 Joyful Noise 5:30pm Youth Group	14 4:00pm Community Harvest	15	16 6pm - Noah's Ark Spring Concert	17 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service	18 7pm - Good Friday Service @ Bethany	19 Kitchen / S. Hall In Use 11am-4pm
Easter Sunday 20 9am - Breakfast and Fellowship 10:30 - Worship	21 4:00pm Community Harvest* *Servants Needed	22 1:00pm P. Packs PrePack	23	24 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	25	26 Kitchen / S. Hall / Gym In-Use All Day
27	28 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Bell Practice	S. Hall in use (Yard Sale Set-up) 29 1:00pm P. Packs Set-Up 7:00pm Christian Ed Meeting	S. Hall in use (Yard Sale Set-up) 30 6:00pm P. Packs Packing			

Easter Events

Soup and the Word
Wednesday's during Lent @ Noon
@ First Presbyterian Church, Milton

Maundy Thursday
April 17th - 7pm @ St. Andrew's

Good Friday (Tenebrae Service)
April 18th - 7pm @ Bethany

Children's Easter Party
April 13th - during worship

Easter Breakfast / Fellowship
April 20th - 9am





The Christian Education Committee will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 29th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan on attending this meeting to discuss spring/summer activities including initial ideas on VBS.



The Christian Education Committee would like to remind the congregation that St. Andrew's children and youth (who attend Sunday School and/or Church regularly) can receive a 50% contribution (up to \$200) towards their attendance at a Christian-based summer camp from the School Account. All interested persons should contact Crystal Wertz by April 27th.

This June, we're taking a journey back to ancient Egypt... without leaving our church! Find out what happened to Joseph as he went from Pharaoh's prison to the palace. You'll visit Joseph, take part in games, create fun crafts, dance to lively Bible songs, and sample tasty tidbits as you discover more about how God was with Joseph in good times and bad.



Egypt VBS June 23rd – 26th from 1 to 3 pm

Register for this journey at:
<https://forms.gle/7Eozzygd4zaFgiHn6>



or QR Code:

Y a r d S a l e

MILTON YARD SALE DAY at St. Andrew's UMC!

****ONE DAY ONLY! Saturday, May 3rd | 8AM-2PM****

Looking for amazing deals? Stop by St. Andrew's UMC during Milton Yard Sale Day! We'll have a wonderful selection of household treasures, décor, clothing and more at prices you'll love!

****HUNGRY WHILE YOU SHOP? We've got you covered!**

- ☕ Breakfast
- 🍴 Lunch
- 🍪 Homemade Baked Goods

****DONATIONS WELCOME!****

Clean out your closets for a good cause! We're accepting donations until April 27th.
(No electronics or large furniture, please)

📍 St. Andrew's UMC [102 Lower Market St, Milton, PA 17847](https://www.standrewsumc.org)
📞 Questions? Call 570-742-2000

May 3 • 8am-2pm • 102 Lower Market St (Social Hall)

Servants

April 2025



Acolytes	
6	Jane Wertz
13	Laila Tanner
20	Layla Richie
27	Kinlee Lytle

Greeters	
6	Danielle Kraus
13	Steve & Cathy Bennage
20	Debbie Haulman
27	Gerald & Crystal Wertz

Nursery	
6	Alaina Taylor
13	*Easter Party*
20	Debbie Haulman
27	Danielle Kraus

Altar Stewards
Sharon Wert & Helen Phillips

Financial Stewards
Carol Layton, Debbie Simon, Sharon Wert

Ushers
Gary Fullmer, Chief
Bob Snyder Deb Simon
Richard Snyder Bob Layton

Love Patrol	
6	Jill Foresman Nate Richie
13	Alaina Taylor Danielle Kraus
20	Barry Bowers Lisa McManus
27	Susan Bastian Crystal Wertz

Children's Church	
6	Mary Richie Danielle Kraus
13	None - Easter Party
20	Alaina Taylor Nate Richie
27	Lauren Richie Adam Taylor

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
6	Colton	Barry	Sam
13	Bob (Dennis)	Colton	Helen
16 (6pm)	Bob	-----	-----
17 (7pm)	Barry	Chadrick, Jr.	Sam
20	Barry	Susan	Chadrick, Jr.
27	Barry	Layla	Sam



Month:	PrePack	Set-Up	Packing
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		

The current school year is quickly coming to an end! Your support in taking/filling/returning our “orange bags” has been fantastic and we appreciate your continued support for this ministry.

You Are Invited to Cupcakes & Treats

We would like to recognize your support to the Panther Packs Ministry for the 2024-2025 School Year.

This will be a time to fellowship with the Panther Packs Team and fellow supporters. There will also be a short program presentation.

May 18, 2025 2-4pm in the Social Hall

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)

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UPHOLDING OUR MEMBERS IN *Prayer*

<p>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!</p>			
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 Wleand
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			
<p>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</p>			

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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**

FINANCIAL REPORT

2025	Feb-25	Year-to -date totals
CURRENT		
Budgeted	21,604.88	43,209.76
Receipts	17,202.13	33,186.06
Expenditures	18,785.86	41,194.73
MISSION		
Budgeted	3,769.84	7,539.51
Receipts	870.07	1,858.37
Expenditures	0.00	1,403.66
FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)		
Receipts	30.00	70.00
Expenditures	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	2.16	4.74
Expenditures (loan to current)	5,000.00	5,000.00
TRUSTEE		
Budgeted	3,308.34	6,616.60
Receipts	4,123.30	7,222.30
Expenditures	12,141.64	15,259.82
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	0.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Budgeted	495.83	991.70
Receipts	60.06	109.87
Expenditures	181.14	426.13
Total Budget	29,178.89	58,357.57
Total Receipts	22,287.72	42,451.34
Total Expenditures	36,108.64	63,284.34
Note:		
Shares of ministry owed to the conference for 2023 = \$6,098.84		
Shares of ministry owed to the conference for 2024 = \$10,527.46		
Shares of ministry owed to the conference for 2025 = \$4,210.95		