

# ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

MAY 2025



## ANNIVERSARY:

Satch & Nancy Shearer - 5/1  
Gerald & Crystal Wertz - 5/1  
Wayne & Charlene Heddings - 5/12  
Shyheed & Jacqueline Fluke - 5/18  
Frank & Sandee Stitely - 5/18  
Steve & Alicia Bowers - 5/19  
Adam & Vanessa Stahlnecker - 5/19  
Jason & Gretchen Coup - 5/23  
Michael & Leslie Porter - 5/23  
Richard & Brentha Snyder - 5/26  
Gary & Peggy Fullmer - 5/31

## BIRTHDAY:

Asher Anderson - 5/1  
Lorena Sampsell - 5/1  
Jill Dunkle - 5/2  
Alicia Bowers - 5/4  
Thomas Fawess - 5/4  
Kayla Hitesman - 5/4  
Wendy Young - 5/5  
Tammy Gundrum - 5/6  
Mary Jane Snyder - 5/6  
Pauline Snyder - 5/7  
Don Haulman - 5/8  
Carol Scholl - 5/8  
Tracey Danner - 5/9  
Sandra Dorman - 5/10  
Stacie Moore - 5/10  
Jacob Shearer - 5/10  
Joshua Derr - 5/11  
Twila Eck - 5/11  
Nancy Shearer - 5/12  
Russell Bowers - 5/13  
Brenda Schorr - 5/13  
Michael Weaver - 5/14  
Tara Sellers - 5/15  
Madison Shearer - 5/15  
Marion Steese - 5/15  
Colton Ritenour - 5/16  
Wendy Keller - 5/19  
Billy Habecker - 5/20  
Lauren Richie - 5/23  
Michael Stine - 5/23  
MaryBeth Adams - 5/24  
David Slother - 5/24  
Richard Walter - 5/24  
Adam Stahlnecker - 5/25  
Jill Foresman - 5/27  
Gary Lloyd - 5/28  
Ida Snyder - 5/30  
Rose Gibson - 5/30  
Jeff Ritenour - 5/30  
Jeffrey Strahan - 5/30  
Connie Ettinger - 5/31

## Faith for the Ordinary



Dear St. Andrew's UM Church Family,

Last week, I found myself standing at the kitchen sink, washing dishes after dinner. It was nothing special—just the usual stack of plates, some stubborn pots, and that one spatula that always seems to need extra scrubbing. As I worked, my mind wandered to the sermon I was preparing, and I caught myself thinking, "I'll get to real ministry once these chores are done."

And then it hit me: How often do we separate our "ordinary" lives from what we consider "spiritual" activities? We compartmentalize—worship on Sunday, "regular life" the rest of the week. But what if the most amazing spiritual moments aren't just found in dramatic revelations or mountain-top experiences, but in these everyday moments of service, patience, and faithfulness?

In Matthew 6:11, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Not our monthly bread, not our special-occasion bread, but our daily bread. Jesus understood that faith is lived out in the rhythms of ordinary days, in the meeting of basic needs, in the small choices we make when nobody's watching.

I'm reminded of Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century monk who found deep communion with God while washing dishes in the monastery kitchen. "The time of business," he wrote, "does not differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees."

Paul echoes this in Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Notice he doesn't say, "Whatever spiritual activities you do..." but simply, "Whatever you do." The scope is comprehensive—including changing diapers, answering emails, mowing lawns, and yes, washing dishes.



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This isn't to diminish the importance of intentional spiritual practices like worship, prayer, and Scripture reading. Rather, it's an invitation to expand our understanding of where God can be found. Romans 12:1 calls us to offer our bodies "as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship." Our entire lives become an act of worship when lived in conscious connection to God.

So how might we practice this "ordinary faith" more intentionally?

1. Start your workday with a simple prayer: "Lord, help me see this work as service to you."
2. Create "spiritual pauses" in your day—brief moments to breathe and remember God's presence while waiting at stoplights or standing in line.
3. Look for the sacred in interruptions - When your plans get derailed by a neighbor's need or a child's question, ask: "Could this be where God wants me right now?"
4. Practice gratitude for ordinary blessings—running water, electricity, a comfortable bed—things we often take for granted.

Sometimes I think we're waiting for God to call us to some grand mission, when perhaps the holiest thing we can do is to love our family well, to work with integrity, to show kindness to the cashier, and to steward our ordinary days with faithfulness.

Jesus, after all, spent 30 years in the ordinary routines of family life and carpentry before his public ministry began. Those weren't "wasted years"—they were part of his incarnational purpose, sanctifying the everyday experiences we all share.

As May unfolds with its routine rhythms, I challenge us all to look for God in the ordinary. The daily commute. The grocery shopping. The laundry folding. The committee meeting. Where might God be present, speaking, working, and transforming in these moments?

May we find Him faithful—not just in the extraordinary—but in the beautiful ordinary of daily bread and daily grace.

Walking with you in the everyday,

*Pastor Bum (AKA: PB)*

P.S. I'd love to hear where you've encountered God in unexpected, ordinary moments. Drop me an email, send me a text, or stop by the office to share your story!

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



# Scripture Reading

- May 1 - Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22
- May 2 - Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11
- May 3 - Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14
- May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter
  - Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19
- May 5 - Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31
- May 6 - Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18
- May 7 - Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11
- May 8 - Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10
- May 9 - Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4
- May 10 - Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32
- May 11 - Fourth Sunday of Easter
  - Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30
- May 12 - Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4
- May 13 - Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35
- May 14 - Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42
- May 15 - Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelation 10:1-11
- May 16 - Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15
- May 17 - Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19
- May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
  - Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35
- May 19 - Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26
- May 20 - Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30
- May 21 - Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28
- May 22 - Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41
- May 23 - Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8
- May 24 - Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10
- May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter
  - Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29
- May 26 - Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14
- May 27 - Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22
- May 28 - Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38
- May 29 - Ascension of the Lord
  - Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53
- May 30 - Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9
- May 31 - Psalm 97; Exodus 33:18-23; John 1:14-18




# 2025

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				National Day of Prayer 1 S. Hall/Gym in use (Yard Sale Set-up) 7:15pm Adult Choir	2 S. Hall/Gym in use (Yard Sale Set-up)	3 Yard Sale and Food Sale 8am - 2pm
4 Fellowship Meal Pork & Sauerkraut 5:30pm Youth Group	5 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Ad Council 7:00pm Bell Practice	6 6:00pm Noah's Ark Board Mtg	7	8 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	9	10
Mother's Day 11 Joyful Noise	12 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Finance Committee Mtg 7:00pm Bell Practice	13 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	14 10:00am Love INC Board Mtg	15 7:15pm Adult Choir	16	17 Work Day at the Parsonage
18 5:30pm Youth Group	19 4:00pm Community Harvest **Servants Needed** 6:00pm Mission/Outreach Mtg 7:00pm Bell Practice	20 6:00pm P. Packs "Sweets & Treats" Thank You Event	21	22 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	23	24
25	Memorial Day 26	27	28	29 Susquehanna Annual Conference in Williamsport, PA 6-7:30pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Adult Choir	30	31


 The Finance Committee  
 will meet on  
 Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
 at 7pm  
 in the Social Hall

  
**\*\*Saturday, May 17 will be a work day at the parsonage. Congregation is invited and encouraged to participate. Please see a Trustee for more information.**



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  
 Questions? Call 570-742-2000

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

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 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

**from 1 to 3 pm**



**Register for this journey at:**

**<https://forms.gle/7Eozzygd4zaFgiHn6>**

**or use the QR code below.**



**FLOWERS FOR  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
June 8, 2025**



**Potted Geranium:**

	Number of:	Cost
4" Red Geranium	_____ x \$4.00	=
Amount Enclosed:		

**Flowers Placed -**

In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	
Placed By:	


I do **not** want flowers but wish to donate to the following: (Circle One)

Memorial Fund      Library      Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:	
In Honor of:	
Placed By:	
Amount Enclosed:	

**PLACE COUPON IN OFFERING PLATE or  
RETURN TO CHURCH OFFICE**

**Order Deadline: Sunday, May 18, 2025**



## SUMMER MUSIC

could you help provide  
Special Music this summer?  
For more information,  
please see Julie Blanton

**Favorite Hymn Poll**

Ever sit in the pew thinking, "Oh, I wish we'd sing that one more often!"? Well, here's your chance to be our musical matchmaker! We're launching our first-ever Favorite Hymn Poll, and we want YOUR votes!

Here's how to join the heavenly chorus:

- Pick your top 3 all-time favorite hymns
- Rank them 1-2-3 (We'll count them like this: 1st place = 3 points; 2nd place = 2 points; and 3rd place = 1 point)

The winners will make surprise appearances in future worship services! (Shhh... don't tell anyone, but your favorite might just pop up when you least expect it! 😊)

Ready to vote?

Grab an entry form from the sanctuary

OR jot your picks on any piece of paper

Drop your ballot in the offering plate or at the church office

Voting runs through May and June. From "Amazing Grace" to "Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious," every hymn is eligible! 🎵

# Servants

## May 2025



Acolytes	
4	Olivia Tanner
11	Grant Richie
18	Laila Tanner
25	Nelson Wertz

Greeters	
4	Sharon Wert
11	Youth Group (High School)
18	Bonnie Thomas
25	Angela Shively

Nursery	
4	Jill Foresman
11	Alivia Ritenour
18	Angela Shively
25	Julie Neilson

Altar Stewards	
Larry & Bonnie Lloyd	

Financial Stewards	
Mercy Gray & Debbie Haulman	

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

Love Patrol	
4	Lisa McManus Barry Bowers
11	Nate Richie Adam Taylor
18	Jill Foresman Susan Bastian
25	Arnie Wilver Barry Bowers

Children's Church	
4	Danielle Kraus Nate Richie
11	Crystal Wertz Mary Richie
18	Alaina Taylor Lauren Richie
25	Adam Taylor Danielle Kraus

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
4	Dennis (Bob)	Layla	Sam
11	Bob	Colton	Chadrick, Jr.
18	Colton	Barry	Sam
25	Chadrick, Jr.	Layla	Helen



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You Are Invited to "Sweets & Treats"!



We would like to recognize you, your group, church or organization for 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 20, 2025 - 6pm - in the Social Hall

Please RSVP to "saumc@ptd.net" by 5/13

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

Milton N&R - Mary Scholl, Lois Wagner, Ward Walter

Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter

Watson town 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



# WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE

TEXT

CASH/CHECK

**St. Andrew's**  
united methodist church  
102 Lower Market Street, Milton PA 17847  
(570) 742-2600

SCAN TO  
GIVE ONLINE

TEXT "GIVE" TO  
570-553-5676

# FINANCIAL

## REPORT

2025	Mar-25	Year-to -date totals
CURRENT		
Budgeted	21,604.88	64,814.64
Receipts	29,339.11	62,525.64
Expenditures	18,635.94	52,280.19
MISSION		
Budgeted	3,769.84	11,309.35
Receipts	3,934.00	5,792.37
Expenditures	1,523.66	2,927.32
FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)		
Receipts	50.00	120.00
Expenditures	120.00	120.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	2.16	6.90
Expenditures (loan to current)	0.00	5,000.00
TRUSTEE		
Budgeted	3,308.34	9,924.94
Receipts	121.67	7,343.97
Expenditures	1,504.09	16,763.91
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	0.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Budgeted	495.63	1,487.53
Receipts	82.02	191.89
Expenditures	43.97	470.10
Total Budget	29,178.89	87,536.46
Total Receipts	33,528.96	75,980.77
Total Expenditures	21,827.66	77,561.52
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 = \$5,614.61		