

ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

JUNE/JULY 2025



"Spirit Wind: Pentecost Power for Today"

Dear St. Andrew's UM Church Family,

Last week I was sitting on the back porch watching the wind dance through the trees and bushes in the yard. It was a chilly, gray day, but at least it had stopped raining for a bit. The breeze went from soft and gentle to something stronger and back again. I couldn't see the wind itself, of course, but its effects were unmistakable: branches bending, wind chimes singing, flower petals spinning across the lawn.

As Pentecost Sunday approaches on June 8th, I find myself reflecting on how perfectly wind captures the mystery and power of the Holy Spirit. In Scripture, the same Hebrew word—"ruach"—is used for both "wind" and "spirit." Similarly, in Greek, "pneuma" means both "breath" and "spirit." This linguistic connection reveals something deep about how God works among us.

Acts 2:1-4 tells us: "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Notice the imagery: wind, fire, and diverse languages—all elements beyond human control yet transformative in their impact. The disciples didn't manufacture the Spirit's presence; they positioned themselves to receive it. They were waiting, praying, expecting—and God showed up in ways they couldn't have anticipated.

Two thousand years later, we might wonder: Is this just a historical event we commemorate, or is Pentecost power still available today? Jesus's promise in John 14:16-17 speaks directly to us: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

The Spirit that rushed through that upper room in Jerusalem is the same Spirit offered to every believer. Not a diluted version. Not a symbolic concept. The actual presence of God, dwelling within ordinary people like you and me.



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I've noticed that we sometimes fall into two opposite errors regarding the Holy Spirit. Some of us relegate the Spirit's work to the spectacular and unusual—speaking in tongues, prophecy, or dramatic healing moments. Others effectively ignore the Spirit altogether, functioning as if the Christian life is merely about correct beliefs and moral behavior.

The truth lies in recognizing that the Holy Spirit works in both extraordinary and ordinary ways. Yes, sometimes there are dramatic moments of intervention. But more often, the Spirit works like a gentle breeze—subtle yet persistent, recognized by its effects rather than by dramatic displays.

In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul describes these effects: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Notice he calls it "fruit," not "fruits." These qualities grow together as a single harvest in a Spirit-led life.

Remember that on that first Pentecost, bystanders initially mistook the Spirit's work for drunkenness! Spirit-filled living won't always make sense to those around us. When we prioritize generosity over accumulation, reconciliation over retaliation, or service over status, we may seem as puzzling to our neighbors as those first disciples seemed to the Jerusalem crowd.

As we celebrate Pentecost this month, let's not just commemorate a historical event but open ourselves to the ongoing reality of God's Spirit among us. Like those disciples in the upper room, may we position ourselves—through prayer, community, and openness—to receive whatever wind God sends our way.

The miracle of Pentecost wasn't just that the Spirit came, but that ordinary people became extraordinary vessels of God's presence in the world. That same invitation extends to us today.

Come, Holy Spirit!

In expectant faith,

Pastor Bum (AKA: PB)

P.S. On Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, I encourage you to wear red to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit as we celebrate together. And if you have a story of how God's Spirit has been moving in your life, I'd love to hear it.

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



Scripture Reading

- June 1 - Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26
- June 2 - Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40
- June 3 - Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29
- June 4 - Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27
- June 5 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25
- June 6 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10
- June 7 - Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17
- June 8 - Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17, John 14:8-17, (25-27)
- June 9 - Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
- June 10 - Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
- June 11 - Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38
- June 12 - Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19
- June 13 - Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6
- June 14 - Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52
- June 15 - Trinity Sunday
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15
- June 16 - Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16
- June 17 - Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20
- June 18 - Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55
- June 19 - Psalm 42 and 43; Genesis 24:1-21; Romans 2:17-29
- June 20 - Psalm 42 and 43; Job 6:14-30; Galatians 3:15-22
- June 21 - Psalm 42 and 43; Proverbs 11:3-13; Matthew 9:27-34
- June 22 - 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43; Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
- June 23 - Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:1-13; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- June 24 - Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:14-26; Ephesians 2:11-22
- June 25 - Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Luke 9:37-43a
- June 26 - Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
- June 27 - Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:1-12; Galatians 4:8-20
- June 28 - Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5; Luke 9:21-27
- June 29 - 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21;
Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62
- June 30 - Psalm 75; 2 Kings 2:15-22; 1 John 2:7-11



Servants

June 2025



Acolytes	
1	Layla Richie
8	Olivia Tanner
15	Laila Tanner
22	Casey Jo Lytle
29	Jane Wertz

Greeters	
1	Helen Phillips
8	Mike & Jill Dunkle
15	Youth Group - Middle School
22	Rich & Julie Neilson
29	Arnie Wilver

Nursery	
1	Debbie Simon
8	Debbie Haulman
15	Mary Richie
22	Danielle Kraus
29	Alaina Taylor

Altar Stewards	
Debbie Simon & Bertha Frey	

Financial Stewards	
Mona Napp & Shirley Coup	

Ushers	
David Stahl, Chief	
Jeff Diggan	Steve Bennage
Nate Richie	Debbie Haulman

Love Patrol	
1	Adam Taylor Susan Bastian
8	Mary Richie Alaina Taylor
15	Barry Bowers Jill Foresman
22	Lauren Richie Susan Bastian
29	Arnie Wilver Barry Bowers

Children's Church	
1	Mary Richie Crystal Wertz
8	Nate Richie Adam Taylor
15	Alaina Taylor Lauren Richie
22	Crystal Wertz Adam Taylor
29	Alaina Taylor Mary Richie

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
1	Barry	Chadrick, Jr.	Sam
8	Barry	Colton	Helen
15	Bob	Barry	Sam
22	Chadrick, Jr.	Layla	Helen
29	Bob	Chadrick, Jr.	Sam

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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5:30pm Youth Group	2 4:00pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Bell Choir	3	4	5	6	7
Pentecost Sunday 8 Confirmation Joyful Noise Church Picnic after Worship	9 4:00pm Community Harvest	10	11	12	13	14
15 Father's Day	16 4:00pm Community Harvest **Servants Needed**	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Vacation Bible School 1-3pm 4:00pm Community Harvest	24 Vacation Bible School 1-3pm	25 Vacation Bible School 1-3pm	26 Vacation Bible School 1-3pm	27	28
29	30 4:00pm Community Harvest					

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.



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

or use the QR code below.



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



Happy Birthday

Lisa McManus - 1
David Gundrum - 2
Krissy Lytle - 3
Diane Delcamp - 4
Cody Shrawder - 4
Ashley Miller - 5
Jonni Moyer - 5
Glenn Snyder - 5
Jane Lentz - 6
Annette Wiles - 6
Megan Schreck - 9
Jane V. Wertz - 9
Dwayne Brown - 10
Sam Rudy - 10
Melinda Kline - 11
Barbara Brandau - 12
Gerald Wertz - 12
Nadine Baker - 13
Adam Bastian - 13
Tina Noll - 13
Kathryn Styer - 13
Karen Nickelson - 14
Carriann Shultz - 16
Braden Snyder - 17
Tyler Connolly - 18
Mary Haupt - 18
Dawn Smith - 18
Colton Stahlnecker - 18
Sam Haulman - 19

Mark Nase - 20
Barry Bowers, Jr - 22
Betty Meckley - 22
Donna Reish - 22
Leslie Porter - 23
Carol Brandau - 24
Asher Derck - 24
Susan Russell - 24
Ruth Loss - 25
Dorothyellen Orlando - 25
Dana Eisley - 26
Shawn McCormick - 27
Alissa Detman - 28
Joseph Frangione - 28
Larry Lloyd - 28
Jennifer Gatsche - 29
Annette Miller - 29
Brentha Snyder - 29

HAPPY Anniversary

JKimber & Rose Williams - 5
Glen & Mary Beth Dailey - 6
Sam & Rhonda Rudy - 11
Scott & Michelle McElwee - 12
Dennis & Lori Bastian - 14
Russell & Deb Hulsizer - 17
Dale & Sheila Miller - 21
John & Dolores Mullen - 25
Chad & Susan Bastian - 26
Cody & Krissy Lytle - 28
Bill & Annette Miller - 28



Scripture Reading

- July 1 - Psalm 75; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Ephesians 5:6-20
- July 2 - Psalm 75; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Matthew 10:16-25
- July 3 - Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Romans 7:14-25
- July 4 - Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:18-31; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- July 5 - Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:32-37; Luke 9:1-6
- July 6 - 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16;
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
- July 7 - Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 19:21-27
- July 8 - Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Acts 19:28-41
- July 9 - Psalm 6; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Luke 10:13-16
- July 10 - Psalm 82; Amos 1:1-2:3; James 2:14-26
- July 11 - Psalm 82; Amos 2:4-11; Acts 7:9-16
- July 12 - Psalm 82; Amos 2:12-3:8; John 3:16-21
- July 13 - Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14;
Luke 10:25-37
- July 14 - Psalm 7; Amos 3:9-4:5; James 2:1-7
- July 15 - Psalm 7; Amos 4:6-13; 1 John 3:11-17
- July 16 - Psalm 7; Amos 5:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46
- July 17 - Psalm 52; Amos 5:10-17; Hebrews 5:1-6
- July 18 - Psalm 52; Amos 5:18-27; Ephesians 3:14-21
- July 19 - Psalm 52; Amos 6:1-14; Luke 8:4-10
- July 20 - Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28;
Luke 10:38-42
- July 21 - Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 7:1-6; Colossians 1:27-2:7
- July 22 - Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 8:13-9:4; 1 John 2:1-6
- July 23 - Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 9:5-15; John 6:41-51
- July 24 - Psalm 85; Hosea 4:1-19; Acts 1:15-20
- July 25 - Psalm 85; Hosea 5:1-15; Acts 2:22-36
- July 26 - Psalm 85; Hosea 1:11-2:15; Luke 8:22-25
- July 27 - Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138;
Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13
- July 28 - Psalm 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1
- July 29 - Psalm 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Romans 9:30-10:4
- July 30 - Psalm 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matthew 5:43-48
- July 31 - Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 8:1-14; Romans 11:33-36



Servants

July 2025



Acolytes	
6	Nelson Wertz
13	Grant Richie
20	Olivia Tanner
27	Kinlee Lytle

Greeters	
6	Barry Bowers
13	Arnie Wilver
20	Terry & Mona Napp
27	Mike & Lisa McManus

Nursery	
6	Jill Foresman
13	Alivia Ritenour
20	Angela Shively
27	Julie Neilson

Altar Stewards
Carol Layton & Bev Sawyer

Financial Stewards
Carol Layton, Debbie Simon & Sharon Wert

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

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27	Crystal Wertz Alaina Taylor

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13	Barry	Layla	Sam
20	Bob	Colton	Helen
27	Bob	Layla	Sam

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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 	5
6	7 4:00pm Community Harvest	8	9	10	11 6:00pm Worship Team Mtg	12
13 Joyful Noise	14 4:00pm Community Harvest	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 4:00pm Community Harvest **Servants Needed**	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 4:00pm Community Harvest	29	30	31		



We need YOU!!

The Children's Church team is looking to add a few more volunteers to the schedule.

Is lesson planning a concern? Written lessons can be made available! If teaching isn't your gift, then come volunteer as a set of helping hands!

To help us out with either Children's Church or Love Patrol please see or reach out to Alaina Taylor (570-713-5959).



Happy Birthday

Amber Katalinas - 1
Michael Keefer - 1
Karen Herman
Randy Schorr - 2
Braxson Baker - 3
John Meckley - 3
Richard Noaker - 3
Mary Richie - 3
Ryan Bastian - 5
Bill Gibson - 6
Jerry McKee - 7
Willard Paul - 7
Richard Neilson - 9
Shirley Weisenberger - 9
Sandra Fultz - 10
Jerry Wilver - 10
Jean Hause - 13
Becky Napp - 13
Jessica Ritenour - 14
Michael Coup - 15
Tami Wands - 16
Kay Mathias - 17
Carole Michell - 18
Joan Sampsell - 18
Charles Fama - 19
Denise Till - 19

Braden Bastian - 22
Rodney Blanton - 22
Kelly Everitt - 22
Mark Shearer - 22
Wanda Walls - 24
Mary Dick - 25
Linda Thomas - 25
Lindsay Dunkle - 26
Madeline Bowers - 27
Charles Gundrum - 27
Lamar Keefer - 28
Michele Pijanowski - 28
Melissa Ritter - 28
Michael McManus - 29
Bryan Noaker - 29
Mindy Barrett - 30
Sharon Coup - 30
Michael Simon - 30
Susan Slother - 30
Nelson Wertz - 30
Tim Hippensteel - 31
Rachael Merwin - 31
Dawn Snyder - 31

HAPPY Anniversary

Rusty & Denise Baker - 3
Craig & Mary Richie - 7
Ralph & Karen Croman - 10
Todd & Tina Noll - 10
Gary & Elaine Lloyd - 11
Sam & Debbie Haulman - 16
Jerry & Linda McKee - 16
Michael & Jessica Snyder - 17
David & Susan Miller - 20
Richard & Gloria McSwain - 29

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:

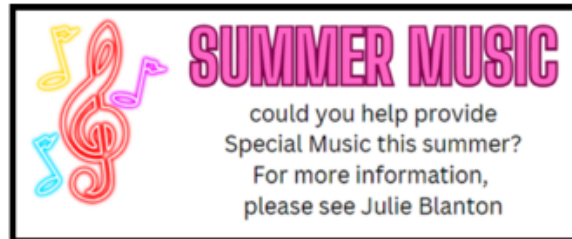
- Pick your top 3 all-time favorite hymns
- Rank them 1-2-3 (We'll count them like this: 1st place = 3 points; 2nd place = 2 points; and 3rd place = 1 point)

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! 🎵



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	Sylvia Hendricks	Robert Riehl	Marion Steese
Esther Coup	Janet Lee	Bonnie Rute	Sharon Wert
Ruth Eisley	Jane Lentz	Lou Ann Sheets	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Linda Emery	Krissy Lytle	Fred Simon	Shirley Wilver
David Everitt (Navy)	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Sylvia Smith	Richard Winter
		Glenn & Ida Snyder	Jean Zartman

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, 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

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FINANCIAL

REPORT

2025	Apr-25	Year-to -date totals
CURRENT		
Budgeted	21,604.88	86,419.52
Receipts	32,296.19	80,114.99
Expenditures	23,538.92	83,092.54
MISSION		
Budgeted	3,769.84	15,079.19
Receipts	3,072.25	8,864.78
Expenditures	5,210.99	8,138.31
FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)		
Receipts	95.00	215.00
Expenditures	0.00	120.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	2.09	8.99
Expenditures (loan to current)	0.00	5,000.00
TRUSTEE		
Budgeted	3,308.34	13,233.28
Receipts	1,361.53	8,705.50
Expenditures	2,507.21	19,271.12
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	0.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL		
Budgeted	495.83	1,983.36
Receipts	98.74	276.63
Expenditures	234.57	704.67
Total Budget		
	29,178.89	116,715.35
Total Receipts		
	36,925.80	98,185.89
Total Expenditures		
	31,491.69	116,326.64