

ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2025



Seasons of Faith



Dear Bethany and St. Andrew's UM Church Families,

Have you ever noticed how our faith journey seems to follow seasons, much like the natural world around us? As I was walking through the park last week, I could see changes coming in the trees and the flowers, and I was struck by how our spiritual lives follow similar patterns of change and growth.

In my own journey, I've experienced what I might call "spring faith" – those times when everything feels new and exciting. Maybe you've felt this too – when a scripture suddenly speaks to you in a fresh way, or when you feel God's presence with remarkable clarity. These moments energize us, much like those first warm days after a long winter.

But we also experience "summer faith" – seasons when our connection with God feels natural and fruitful. Our prayers flow easily, our service feels meaningful, and we move through our spiritual practices with a comfortable rhythm. How blessed we are when we recognize these summer seasons and savor them!

Then autumn arrives. Just as trees shed their leaves, our faith sometimes enters seasons of questioning and letting go. Perhaps a prayer goes unanswered, or suffering touches us or someone we love. During these times, we may find ourselves sorting through beliefs, separating what's essential from what's merely comfortable. Though challenging, these autumn seasons often produce the richest spiritual growth as we develop a more textured, resilient faith.

And yes, there are winter seasons too – times when God seems distant or silent. The psalmist knew these moments well: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1). If you're walking through a spiritual winter right now, please know you're not alone. Even in apparent dormancy, important work is happening beneath the surface.



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What I find most comforting is that none of these seasons last forever. The same God who designed the natural world to continually renew itself is at work in our spiritual lives too. As Isaiah reminds us, "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)

Here are some thoughts for navigating whatever season you're in:

- Recognize your current season without judgment – each has its purpose
- Find companions for the journey – join a small group, or form a new one
- Maintain simple spiritual practices that anchor you through changing seasons
- Remember that God is present in every season, though sometimes in unexpected ways

I'd love to hear about your experiences with these spiritual seasons. What season are you in right now? What has helped you navigate transitions between seasons?

As we continue our journey together, may we learn to embrace each season for what it teaches us, trusting in the God who works through all seasons to shape us into the people we're called to be.

In faith and fellowship,

Pastor Brian (AKA: PB)

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Pastor Brian will be leading a study on the "Gospel of John" on Wednesdays beginning on September 10. Sessions will run from 1 pm until 2:30 pm and will take place in the conference room at St. Andrew's which is located on the second floor (there is elevator access). The only materials needed for the study will be a Bible and something with which to take notes. Please let him know if you plan to participate.

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups (sometimes called "Life" groups) are important pieces for discipleship and have a strong history in Methodism dating back to the "Holy Club" the Wesleys started at Oxford. Although we do have a few small groups (including Sunday school classes and choirs) Pastor Brian is looking for new ones and so he is starting "Men of the Table," a men's small group that will meet at 8:00 am on the first Saturday of each month at a local restaurant (1st location Carnitas Deli - 741 S. Front St) for breakfast and fellowship. The first gathering will take place on September 6th. Please contact PB to express your interest or for more information.

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



Scripture Reading

- September 1 - Psalm 58; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Hebrews 13:7-21
- September 2 - Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:1-14; Titus 1:1-9
- September 3 - Psalm 58; Jeremiah 3:15-25; Luke 14:15-24
- September 4 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 2:25-30
- September 5 - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 16:14-17:4; Colossians 4:7-17
- September 6 - Psalm 13:1-6, 13-18; Jeremiah 17:14-27; Matthew 10:34-42
- September 7 - Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21; Luke 14:25-33
- September 8 - Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
- September 9 - Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-5; 1 Timothy 4:6-16
- September 10 - Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30
- September 11 - Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11
- September 12 - Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a
- September 13 - Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21
- September 14 - Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14; Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
- September 15 - Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:1-17; 1 Timothy 1:18-20
- September 16 - Psalm 94; Jeremiah 5:18-31; 2 Peter 3:8-13
- September 17 - Psalm 94; Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22; Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
- September 18 - Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 12:14-13:11; Romans 3:1-8
- September 19 - Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:1-13; Romans 8:31-39
- September 20 - Psalm 79:1-9; Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11; Mark 12:41-44
- September 21 - Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
- September 22 - Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 9:12-26; Acts 4:1-12
- September 23 - Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:1-16; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- September 24 - Psalm 106:40-48; Jeremiah 10:17-25; Luke 20:45-21:4
- September 25 - Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:9-22; 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
- September 26 - Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 23:23-32; Ephesians 2:1-10
- September 27 - Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Jeremiah 24:1-10; Luke 9:43b-48
- September 28 - Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
- September 29 - Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35; Revelation 3:14-22
- September 30 - Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:36-44; James 5:1-6



Servants

September 2025



Acolytes	
	TBA

Greeters	
7	Mary Richie
14	Nate & Lauren Richie
21	Mary Richie
28	Jill Foresman

Nursery	
7	No Nursery
14	Julie Neilson
21	Angela Shively
28	Debbie Haulman

Altar Stewards
Karen Croman and Danielle Kraus

Financial Stewards
Mona Napp and Shirley Coup

Ushers	
David Stahl, Chief	
Debbie Haulman	Jeff Diggan
Steve Bennage	Terry Napp

Love Patrol	
7	Mary Richie Arnie Wilver
14	Lisa McManus Lauren Richie
21	Barry Bowers Lisa McManus
28	Alaina Taylor Barry Bowers

Children's Church	
7	Alaina Taylor Danielle Kraus
14	Nate Richie Crystal Wertz
21	Lauren Richie Danielle Kraus
28	Adam Taylor Mary Richie

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
7	Colton	Barry	Sam
14	Bob	Layla	Lauren
21	Barry	Layla	Sue
28	Colton	Layla	Lauren

2025

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 ★ LABOR DAY ★★ Office Closed	2 8am-Noon Funeral 1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up	3 Kitchen Closed 6:00pm Panther Packs Packing 6:30pm Adult Choir	4 Kitchen Closed	5	6 Milton Harvest Festival Arts & Crafts Day
7 Communion *Fellowship Meal: Hamburgers/Hotdogs Provided	8 7:00pm Milton Harvest Festival Pops Concert Practice	9 7:00pm Milton Harvest Festival Pops Concert Practice	10 6:30pm Adult Choir	11 7:00pm Milton Harvest Festival Pops Concert	12	13 Milton Harvest Festival Parade Day
14 Joyful Noise Safe Sanctuary Training after Church	15 6:00pm Special Church Conference to vote on "Simplified Accountable Structure" 7:00pm Bell Practice	16	17 6:30pm Adult Choir	18	19	20
21 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	22 7:00pm Bell Practice	23 1:00pm Panther Packs PrePack	24 6:30pm Adult Choir	25	26	27
28 10:05am Children's Choir Practice Safe Sanctuary Training after Church	29 7:00pm Bell Practice	30 1:00pm Panther Packs Set-Up				

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

We will have a special church conference on Monday, September 15th at 6:00 for the purpose of voting yes or no on transitioning the church into the "Simplified Accountable Structure." All members of the church are encouraged to attend and vote.



St. Andrew's is looking for donations of new or gently used winter coats, scarfs, hats and gloves. Every size accepted and appreciated. We are also looking for new blankets. Items to help individuals stay warm over the winter are due by September 30th.



Bell Choir Reorganization for the New Season

The Bell Choir will meet on Monday, September 15th in the Music Room from 7:00-7:45pm. We invite anyone who possesses an interest to ring to attend. Please know while music reading is helpful, it is not necessary to be successful. We will train and coach ringers on the music reading elements. All are welcome to make a joyful noise. ~Kimber Williams

Adult Choir restarting soon!

As summer is winding down, our thoughts go to fall and cooler temperatures and our schedules back to familiar routines. Of course, my thoughts go to choir. WE NEED YOU!! If you love to sing, come try us out! You do not need to know how to read music to sing in a choir - we work on various voice parts so you are comfortable singing together. New night and time!! Adult Choir will be on Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm starting 9/3. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Psalm 100:1 Come make a joyful noise with us! ~Naomi Reed

Children's Choir

Children's Choir practice will be Sundays after Sunday School 10:05-10:20. Practices will begin on September 21st. ~Julie Neilson



Happy Birthday

Robert Riehl - 3
Amy Burd - 4
Roberta Cornelius - 4
Bradly Styer - 4
Joshua Royer - 5
Scott Vincent - 5
Carlene Weaver - 5
C. Robert Snyder - 7
Scott McElwee - 9
Sandra Hassinger - 10
Donald Geiger - 11
Terry Napp - 11
Rhonda Rudy - 11
Emmerson Baker - 12
Sharon Snook - 12
Randall Kurtz - 12
John Rice - 13
Brandon Solomon - 14
Chloe Bastian - 16
Reba Rohrer - 16
Tonya Turnbaugh - 16
Ryan Ulp - 16
Julie Neilson - 17
Carl Reish - 17
Joann Lloyd - 18
Kimberly Mullin - 18
Tonya Noll - 21
Raymond Ranck - 21
Terrie Baker - 23
Paul "Glen" Young - 23

Todd Noll - 25
Mary Beth Dailey - 26
Stephanie Krolukows - 26
Natalie Wiles - 26
Kathy Smith - 27
Justin Baker - 28
Karen Croman - 28
Gretchen Fullmer - 29
Dolores Mullen - 29
Michael Napp - 29
Thomas Bennage - 30



Bill & Rose Gibson - 1
Daniel & Sandy Baker - 8
Lee & Barbara Brandau - 13
C. Robert & Cindy Snyder - 18
Charles & Marlene Fama - 21
Lee & Ginny Shreck - 25
David & Tammy Gundrum - 27
Greg & Kim Andricak - 28



Scripture Reading

- October 1 - Psalm 118;49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22
- October 2 - Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11
- October 3 - Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29
- October 4 - Lamentations 3:19-26; Lamentations 1:7-15; Matthew 20:29-34
- October 5 - Lamentations 1:1-6; Lamentations 3:19-26; Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4;
Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10
- October 6 - Psalm 137; Lamentations 1:16-22; James 1:2-11
- October 7 - Psalm 137; Lamentations 2:13-22; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21
- October 8 - Psalm 137; Lamentations 5:1-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
- October 9 - Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 25:1-14; 2 Timothy 1:13-18
- October 10 - Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 27:1-22; 2 Timothy 2:1-7
- October 11 - Psalm 66:1-12; Jeremiah 28:1-17; Luke 5:12-16
- October 12 - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 6:1-12; 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111;
2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19
- October 13 - Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29
- October 14 - Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Ephesians 6:10-20
- October 15 - Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 25:15-32; Matthew 10:5-15
- October 16 - Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:1-15; Acts 17:22-34
- October 17 - Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 26:26-24; 2 Timothy 2:14-26
- October 18 - Psalm 119:97-104; Jeremiah 31:15-26; Mark 10:46-52
- October 19 - Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121;
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8
- October 20 - Psalm 129; Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
- October 21 - Psalm 129; Jeremiah 39:1-18; James 5:7-12
- October 22 - Psalm 129; Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20; Luke 22:39-46
- October 23 - Psalm 65; Joel 1:1-20; 2 Timothy 3:1-9
- October 24 - Psalm 65; Joel 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 3:10-15
- October 25 - Psalm 65; Joel 2:12-22; Luke 1:46-55
- October 26 - Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22; Psalm 84:1-7;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14
- October 27 - Psalm 87; Joel 3:1-8; 1 Peter 4:12-19
- October 28 - Psalm 87; Joel 3:9-16; 1 Peter 5:1-11
- October 29 - Psalm 87; Joel 3:17-20; Matthew 21:28-32
- October 30 - Psalm 119:137-144; Jeremiah 33:14-26; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
- October 31 - Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 1:5-17; 2 Peter 1:1-11



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26	Gerald & Crystal Wertz

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19	Debbie Simon
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Jeff and Jessica Ritenour

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Carol Layton, Debbie Simon and Sharon Wert

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			1 6:00pm Panther Packs Packing 6:30pm Adult Choir	2	3	4
5 World Communion Sunday 10:05am Children's Choir Practice Fellowship Meal	6 7:00pm Bell Choir	7 Pastor Brian Vacation - back in office October 14	8 6:30pm Adult Choir	9	10	11
12 Joyful Noise 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	13 Office Closed  7:00pm Bell Choir	14	15 6:30pm Adult Choir	16	17	18
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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).

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Happy Birthday

Michelle McElwee - 1
Lauren Mitchell - 1
George Connolly - 2
Terry Holmes - 3
Dennis Delcamp - 4
Jody Dulin - 6
Mike McConnell - 7
Frank Stitely - 7
Bonnie Thomas - 7
Dale Hippensteel - 8
Ruth Raup - 9
John Craus - 12
Nancy Stahlnecker - 12
Kimber Williams - 13
Dakota Zeager - 14
Chadrick Bastian, Jr - 16
Timothy Hertz - 17
Helen Phillips - 18
Mary Leon - 19
Linda McKee - 19
Alecia Emory - 21
Tina Kozicki - 21
Brett Dunkle - 22
Bart Gibson - 22
Lucille Zellers - 22
Marlene Fama - 23
Rachel Coup - 24
Harry Evans - 24
Melvin Lloyd - 24
David Neilson - 24

Scidell Shearer - 25
Colleen Veitch - 25
Mercy Gray - 26
Samantha Rea - 29
Linda Hammer - 30
John Mullen - 30
Donna Rodarmel - 30
Chad Bastian - 31
Andrew Neuer - 31
Thomas Taylor - 31



Mike & Aubry McConnell - 1
Braden & Sarah Bastian - 3
Dale & Janet Hippensteel - 7
Christopher & Amy Miller - 7
Dean & Sandra - Miller - 8
Brian & Susan Lucas - 10
Adam & Jillian Bastian - 16
John & Danielle Kraus - 19
Tim & Alissa Detman - 23
Randall & Pamela Kurtz - 23
Steve & Cathy Bennage - 24
Fred & Deborah Simon - 30



Members Recently Lost

Molly Brown - 8/9/25

Sam Rudy - 8/18/25

Richard Winter - 8/23/25

UPDATE

New Contact for Ruth Eisley:

15 Ridgecrest Circle

Riverwoods Room 57

Lewisburg PA 17837

(717) 723-5705

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

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

Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter, Ruth Eisley

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