

# ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2026



## "Questions in the Dark"



Dear St. Andrew's & Bethany UMCs Family,

The night sky in winter holds a special kind of mystery. The other night, while walking the dog, I was admiring the fairly clear sky and all the stars, and found myself full of questions. Like the Magi who followed celestial guidance, we often journey with more questions than answers. That's the beauty of faith, isn't it? Not that we have everything figured out, but that we're willing to follow the light we're given, even when we can't see the whole path ahead.

As we begin this new year, I'm learning that questions can be as sacred as answers. The Magi didn't have GPS coordinates or a detailed itinerary – they had a star and a holy curiosity. Their journey began with questions: "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him" (Matthew 2:2).

Sometimes I think we're afraid of questions in our faith journey. We worry they signal doubt or weakness. But what if our questions are actually invitations – doorways into deeper relationship with God? After all, some of the most amazing stories in scripture began with questions:

- "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" (Moses)
- "How can this be?" (Mary)
- "Will you really sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" (Abraham)

As we approach Lent beginning February 18th, we're entering a season specifically designed for holy questioning. Lent invites us to examine our hearts, challenge our assumptions, and wonder anew about God's presence in our lives. Like a winter night sky, it offers both darkness and light, mystery and revelation.

What questions are you carrying into this season?

- Where do you see God's star leading you?
- What mysteries are you being invited to explore?
- Which comfortable certainties might need gentle challenging?

Remember, questions don't diminish faith – they deepen it. Like the Magi, we're all wanderers and wonderers, following divine light through holy darkness. Sometimes the greatest act of faith isn't having all the answers, but being willing to live the questions.

As we journey together through these winter months, let's create space for holy curiosity. In our prayer times, our Bible studies, our conversations – let's welcome questions as friends rather than threats. After all, every great journey begins with a question, and every star followed leads to unexpected grace.

In the spirit of wonder,

*Pastor Ben (AKA:PB)*

P.S. Join us beginning Monday, January 5th at 9 am for Monday Morning Mocha. We will meet in the conference room of the Bethany UMC offices. Bring your "Faith Questions," and we'll explore our deepest wonderings together in a safe and supportive community.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PB READS THE BIBLE

PB Reads the Bible will make its long awaited return on Tuesday, January 6 on St. Andrew's Facebook page at 9:00 a.m. Sessions will usually take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In response to a request by a regular participant, we will start with the book of Revelation.

## SAD: SPIRITUAL EFFECTIVE DISORDER (Shining a Light on the Blahs)



Seasonal Affective Disorder happens when a lack of sunlight affects our moods and ability to cope effectively. Spiritual Affective Disorder can also be a condition when we've had prolonged stress and life is disturbingly uncertain. What is our faithful response to our strained mental health? What if everyday life activities could become spiritual practices — deepening our experience of a meaningful life and helping us shine a light on the "blahs". Join us for our new series beginning on January 4th.

## LENT

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18th. This year's series will be "Cross Words" in which we take a look at the last statements of Christ delivered while he was hanging on the cross. Ash Wednesday worship will be combined and take place at Bethany UMC at 7:00 p.m.

Josh Royer has started a ministry - if you are interested in supporting "Bibles for North Georgia" please use this QR Code to send Bibles from Amazon Wishlist. Or for more information, contact the church office.



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



# Scripture Reading

- January 1 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46
- January 2 – Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12
- January 3 – Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22
- January 4 – Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18
- January 5 – Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2
- January 6 – Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12
- January 7 – Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21
- January 8 – Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:1-9; Acts 9:1-9
- January 9 – Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 3:10-4:1a; Acts 9:10-19a
- January 10 – Psalm 29; 1 Samuel 7:3-17; Acts 9:19b-31
- January 11 – Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17
- January 12 – Psalm 89:5-37; Genesis 35:1-15; Acts 10:44-48
- January 13 – Psalm 89:5-37; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Acts 8:4-13
- January 14 – Psalm 89:5-37; Isaiah 51:1-16; Matthew 12:15-21
- January 15 – Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 22:15-25; Galatians 1:6-12
- January 16 – Psalm 40:1-11; Genesis 27:30-38; Acts 1:1-5
- January 17 – Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Kings 19:19-21; Luke 5:1-11
- January 18 – Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42
- January 19 – Psalm 40:6-17; Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28; Acts 8:26-40
- January 20 – Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 53:1-12; Hebrews 10:1-4
- January 21 – Psalm 40:6-17; Isaiah 48:12-21; Matthew 9:14-17
- January 22 – Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Galatians 1:11-24
- January 23 – Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; Galatians 2:1-10
- January 24 – Psalm 27:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Luke 5:27-32
- January 25 – Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23
- January 26 – Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 6:11-24; Ephesians 5:6-14
- January 27 – Psalm 27:7-14; Judges 7:12-22; Philippians 2:12-18
- January 28 – Psalm 27:7-14; Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26; Luke 1:67-79
- January 29 – Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1 Peter 3:8-12
- January 30 – Psalm 15; Deuteronomy 24:17-25:4; 1 Timothy 5:17-24
- January 31 – Psalm 15; Micah 3:1-4; John 13:31-35



# Servants

## January 2026



Acolytes	
4	Ryker
11	Laila
18	Laikyn
25	Olivia

Greeters	
4	Barry Bowers
11	Arnie Wilver
18	Terry & Mona Napp
25	Lisa McManus

Nursery	
4	Jill Foresman
11	Mary Richie
18	Debbie Simon
25	Julie Neilson

Altar Stewards
Mercy Gray

Financial Stewards
Carol Layton, Debbie Simon & Sharon Wert

Ushers	
Gary Fullmer, Chief	
Barry Bowers	Bob Layton
Rich Neilson	Dennis Delcamp

Love Patrol	
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23	A

Children's Church	
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Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
4	Barry	Carlene	Lauren
11	Bob	Colton	Sue
18	Bob	Barry	Lauren
25	Colton	Carlene	Sue

# January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 	2	3
4 Communion 10:05am Children's Choir Practice  *Fellowship Meal: Pork, Sauerkraut, and Mashed Potatoes	5	6 1:00pm Panther Packs (Prepack) 6:00pm Leadership Team Meeting	7	8  6:00pm Girl Scouts	9	10  Church in Use 9am - 3pm (Snow Day 1/24)
11 Joyful Noise Offering 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	12	13 1:00pm Panther Packs (Set-Up) 6:00pm Noah's Ark Board Meeting	14 10:00am Love INC Board Meeting 6:00pm Panther Packs Packing Night	15	16	17
18 10:05am Children's Choir Practice  Kitchen / Social Hall in Use Noon - 2pm	19	20	21	22  6:00pm Girl Scouts	23	24
25 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	26	27	28	29	30	31

## WAYS TO GIVE

 ONLINE
  TEXT
  CASH/CHECK



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GIVE ONLINE

TEXT "GIVE" TO  
570-553-5676



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102 Lower Market Street, Milton PA 17047  
(717) 654-2000



### Address Update:

Ruth Easley  
130 Magnolia Drive / Rm 57  
Lewisburg PA 17837



### Recent Loss:

Shirley Wilver: 12/15/25



# JANUARY

## Happy Birthday

Sylvia Smith - 3	Jennifer Meade - 20
Danielle Kraus - 5	Brooke Young - 20
Alyssa Lamotte - 5	Edward Russell - 21
Alivia Ritenour - 5	Jason Coup - 22
Dean Miller - 6	Brent Gundrum - 22
Keith Koch - 8	Christopher Miller - 22
Grant Richie - 8	Naomi Reed - 24
Megan Stahlnecker - 8	David Stahlnecker - 25
Cheryl Wilver - 8	Brenda Lohr - 27
David Everitt - 9	Robert Turnbaugh - 27
Kim Andricak - 10	James Weaver - 29
Jennifer McMichael - 10	Kalen Ritenour - 30
Scott Herman - 11	
Larry Magargle - 11	
Lillian Wertz - 12	
Michelle Royer - 13	
Gary Wieand - 13	
Kasen Taylor - 14	
Josh Cromley - 15	
Dorothy Wallize - 15	
Lisa Stokes - 16	
Denise Larsen - 18	
Shelby Gessner - 19	
Ronney Meade, Jr - 19	
Michele Stahlnecker - 19	

## HAPPY Anniversary

Dennis & Diane Delcamp - 6  
Michael & Mary Leon - 20



# Scripture Reading

- February 1 - Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
- February 2 - Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25
- February 3 - Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6
- February 4 - Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26
- February 5 - Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5
- February 6 - Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18
- February 7 - Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8
- February 8 - Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
- February 9 - Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10
- February 10 - Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
- February 11 - Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30
- February 12 - Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7
- February 13 - Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28
- February 14 - Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13
- February 15 - Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9
- February 16 - Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34
- February 17 - Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6
- February 18 - Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
- February 19 - Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7
- February 20 - Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17
- February 21 - Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7
- February 22 - Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
- February 23 - Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18
- February 24 - Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10
- February 25 - Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14
- February 26 - Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7
- February 27 - Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31
- February 28 - Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10



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15	Bob & Cindy Snyder
22	Fred & Debbie Simon

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8	Mary Richie
15	Mary Richie
22	Jill Foresman

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Mary Richie & Cindy Snyder

Financial Stewards
Mercy Gray, Mona Napp, & Carol Layton

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Larry Lloyd, Chief	
Jeff Diggan	Steve Bennage
Bob Snyder	Sam Haulman

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# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion <b>10:05am Children's Choir Practice</b> *Fellowship Meal: Ham Pot Pie	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:00pm Panther Packs (Prepack) <b>6:00pm Leadership Team Meeting</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Kitchen / Social Hall / Gym - In Use All Day
<b>8</b> Joyful Noise Offering <b>10:05am Children's Choir Practice</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1:00pm Panther Packs (Set-Up)	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Panther Packs Packing Night	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday 7:00pm combined service at Bethany	<b>19</b> 6:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

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

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

# FEBRUARY

## Happy Birthday

Peggy Fullmer - 1  
Audrey Kurtz - 2  
Matthew Baker - 4  
Jennifer Hoffman - 4  
Edna Walter - 5  
Jane Weaver - 5  
John Fultz - 8  
Janet Lee - 9  
Diana Ptaszkowski - 9  
Adam Slother - 9  
Melissa Faulkner - 10  
Debbie Haulman - 11  
Gary Napp - 11  
Amara Anderson - 12  
Carmen Cromley-Clayton - 13  
Maretta Pick - 13  
Julie Blanton - 15  
Eddie Reynolds - 14  
Angela Clark - 16  
Lenny Yocum - 16  
Jean Yount - 16  
Benjamin Frey - 17  
Dana Thomas - 17  
Barry Keefer - 22  
Judy Hartman - 24  
Thomas Eisley - 25  
Ruth Chrismer - 27  
Gloria McSwain - 27  
Jesse Vincent - 28  
Craig Richie - 29

## HAPPY Anniversary

Kenneth & Sandra Dorman - 3  
Harry & Sheila Evans - 8  
Rodney & Julie Blanton - 9  
Michael & Lisa McManus - 10  
Melvin & Joann Lloyd - 11  
Jerry & Cheryl Wilver - 14