

ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

MARCH/APRIL 2026



"The Garden Path"
Dear Church Family,



Sue and I don't plant vegetable gardens, but we do plant flowers and trees, and each spring we look forward to what's going in this year. As I was thinking about this, I realized how much of our faith story happens in gardens – Eden's innocence, Gethsemane's anguish, Easter's empty tomb turned blooming garden. Maybe that's why we feel such a deep connection to growing things, why gardens speak to our souls in ways buildings rarely do. As we journey through those gardens (especially during Lent and Holy Week) we find that each holds its own lessons, its own invitations to deeper faith. In Eden's garden, we learn about trust and its breaking. In Gethsemane, we witness love's ultimate surrender: "Not my will, but yours be done." And in the resurrection garden, we discover how God transforms endings into beginnings.

The Easter story as told by John has Mary Magdalene arrive at the tomb in grief and mistake the risen Christ for a gardener. Perhaps that wasn't a mistake at all. Isn't Jesus the ultimate Gardener of our souls? Like any skilled gardener, He knows:

- Some things need pruning to encourage new growth
- The richest soil often contains composted pain
- Seeds must die to bring forth life
- Growth happens in darkness before light
- Patience is as essential as water

In this season, I invite you to walk your own garden path with Christ. Where in your life do you need the Gardener's touch? What needs pruning? What seeds of hope are waiting to sprout? What appears dead but might just be dormant?

Remember, Mary came to the garden grieving, certain that death had won. She left running with joy, having encountered Life itself. That's the promise of Easter – that God can transform any garden of grief into a garden of resurrection. The same power that rolled away the stone still works in our lives today, bringing life from death, hope from despair, joy from mourning.

As we move through these holy days together, let's pay attention to the gardens we pass through:

- Places of decision, like Gethsemane
- Places of grief, like the tomb
- Places of unexpected joy, like the resurrection garden

Each has its purpose, its season, its lesson to teach. And in each, the Gardener walks with us, tending our souls with infinite patience and care.

May this season find you open to growth, ready for pruning when needed, and always expectant for resurrection.

Walking the garden path with you,

Pastor Bum (AKA: PB)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lasagna Dinner

March 21st, 2026

Dine In or Take Out

4:00-6:00pm



Cost: (Age 13 & Up) \$15.00
(Age 6-12) \$7.50
(Under 6) Free



Meal Includes: Lasagna
Bread, Salad, Applesauce, Cake
Coffee / Iced Tea/ Water



Recent Loss:

Peggy Cravatt - 1/20/26

Helen M. Wertz - 2/2/26

Ruth Eisley - 2/7/26

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



Scripture Reading

- March 1 - Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17
- March 2 - Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6
- March 3 - Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13
- March 4 - Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11
- March 5 - Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23
- March 6 - Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22
- March 7 - Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6
- March 8 - Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- March 9 - Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13
- March 10 - Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
- March 11 - Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39
- March 12 - Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32
- March 13 - Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9
- March 14 - Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9
- March 15 - 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- March 16 - Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20
- March 17 - Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14
- March 18 - Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34
- March 19 - Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11
- March 20 - Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19
- March 21 - Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53
- March 22 - Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
- March 23 - Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12
- March 24 - Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10
- March 25 - Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33
- March 26 - Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11
- March 27 - Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30
- March 28 - Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34
- March 29 - Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11
- March 30 - Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11
- March 31 - Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36



Servants

March 2026



Acolytes	
1	Lalkyn
8	Laila
15	Kasen
22	Olivia
29	Ryker

Greeters	
1	Susan Bastian
8	Nate & Lauren Richie
15	Debbie Haulman
22	Jill Foresman
29	Helen Phillips

Nursery	
1	Debbie Simon
8	Julie Neilson
15	Mary Richie
22	Debbie Haulman
29	Debbie Haulman

Altar Stewards
Holly Solomon Roberta Cornelius

Financial Stewards
Mona Napp Shirley Coup

Ushers	
David Stahl, Chief	
Terry Napp	Deb Simon
Nate Richie	Barry Bowers

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
1	Barry	Carlene	Lauren
8	Bob	Colton	Sue
15	Colton	Barry	Lauren
22	Bob	Carlene	Sam
29	Barry	Colton	Lauren

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 10:05am Children's Choir Practice *Fellowship Meal: Ham Pot Pie	2 5:00pm Leadership Team Meeting	3 1:00pm Panther Packs (Prepack) 6:00pm Noah's Ark Board Meeting	4 6:30pm Adult Choir	5 6:00pm Girl Scouts	6	7
8 Joyful Noise Offering 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	9 9am-6pm Church In-Use "Boom" gathering 7:00pm Bell Choir	10 1:00pm Panther Packs (Set-Up)	11 9:00am Love INC Board Meeting 6:00pm Panther Packs Packing Night 6:30pm Adult Choir	12	13 Noah's Ark Event 5:30-8:00pm Social Hall / Gym In-Use	14
15 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	16 7:00pm Bell Choir	17	18 6:30pm Adult Choir	19 6:00pm Girl Scouts	20	21 Lasagna Dinner 4-6pm *See Announcement on Page 2
22 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	23 7:00pm Bell Choir	24	25 6:30pm Adult Choir	26 6:00pm Girl Scouts	27	28
29 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	30 7:00pm Bell Choir	31 1:00pm Panther Packs (Prepack)				

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MARCH

Happy Birthday

Joshua Desiderati - 1st
Mike Reich - 1st
Susan O'Brien - 1st
Christopher Emory - 2nd
Harold Meade - 2nd
Rusty Baker - 3rd
Sandra Miller - 4th
Cindy Snyder - 5th
Kevin Wagner - 5th
Heather Rivera - 6th
Carolyn Reimensnyder - 7th
Claire Dick - 7th
Daniel Brown - 7th
Stephanie Byers - 7th
Kelsey Stahlnecker - 9th
Sandee Stitely - 9th
Casey Jo Lytle - 10th
Irene Dick - 11th
Tabitha Wingate - 11th
Sharon Wert - 12th
Alaina Taylor - 14th
Grant Stitely - 14th

Michael Riehl - 16th
Susan Paul - 16th
Carson Koch - 20th
Lucas Shearer - 20th
Terza Kline - 20th
Breanda Pearl - 21st
Crystal Wertz - 21st
Lauren Steiner - 21st
Freda Vastine - 22nd
Michelle McNichols - 22nd
Terri Snyder - 23rd
Donna Chrismer - 27th
Keith Baker - 27th
Michael Snyder - 27th
Darren Stitely - 29th
Logan D. Stahlnecker - 29th

HAPPY
Anniversary

Thomas & Dana Eisley - 4th
Jim & Jill Foresman - 6th
Terry & Mona Napp - 18th



Scripture Reading

- April 1 - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32
- April 2 - Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35
- April 3 - Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42
- April 4 - Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66
- April 5 - Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114; 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49
- April 6 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21; Colossians 3:5-11
- April 7 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Exodus 15:1-18; Colossians 3:12-17
- April 8 - Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 3:1-17; Matthew 28:1-10
- April 9 - Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 2:8-15; Colossians 4:2-5
- April 10 - Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 5:9-6:3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- April 11 - Psalm 16; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; John 20:11-20
- April 12 - Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
- April 13 - Psalm 114; Judges 6:36-40; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- April 14 - Psalm 114; Jonah 1:1-17; 1 Corinthians 15:19-28
- April 15 - Psalm 114; Jonah 2:1-10; Matthew 12:38-42
- April 16 - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:1-5; 1 Peter 1:8b-12
- April 17 - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 26:1-4; 1 Peter 1:13-16
- April 18 - Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; Isaiah 25:6-9; Luke 14:12-14
- April 19 - Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35
- April 20 - Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25
- April 21 - Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3
- April 22 - Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14
- April 23 - Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12
- April 24 - Psalm 23; Exodus 3:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17
- April 25 - Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7
- April 26 - Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10
- April 27 - Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5
- April 28 - Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21
- April 29 - Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28
- April 30 - Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15



Servants

April 2026



Acolytes	
5	Laila
12	Kasen
19	Olivia
26	Laikyn

Greeters	
5	Debbie Haulman
12	Steve & Cathy Bennage
19	Debbie Haulman
26	Mary Richie

Nursery	
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Altar Stewards
Sharon Wert Helen Phillips

Financial Stewards
Carol Layton Debbie Simon Sharon Wert

Ushers	
Gary Fullmer, Chief	
Rich Neilson	Dennis Delcamp
Bob Layton	Debbie Haulman

Tech Department			
	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
*2	Bob	Barry	Sam
5	Bob	Lauren	Sue
12	Barry	Carlene	Same
*17	Bob		
19	Colton	Barry	Lauren
26	Bob	Carlene	Sam

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm Adult Choir	2 Holy Thursday 7:00pm combined service at SAUMC	3	4
5 Communion 10:05am Children's Choir Practice *NO Fellowship Meal	6 5:00pm Leadership Team Meeting	7 1:00pm Panther Packs (Set-Up)	8 6:00pm Panther Packs Packing Night 6:30pm Adult Choir	9 6:00pm Girl Scouts	10	11 Noah's Ark Easter Egg Hunt (Time TBA)
12 Joyful Noise Offering 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	13 7:00pm Bell Choir	14	15 6:30pm Adult Choir	16	17 5:30-8:00pm Noah's Ark - Spring Concert	18
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26 10:05am Children's Choir Practice	27 7:00pm Bell Choir	28 1:00pm Panther Packs (Prepack)	29 6:30pm Adult Choir	30		

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!			
Linda Emery	Janet Lee	Bonnie Rute	Marion Steese
David Everitt (Navy)	Jane Lentz	Lou Ann Sheets	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Sylvia Hendricks	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Sylvia Smith	Jean Zartman
	Craig Richie		
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			

APRIL

Happy Birthday

Kimberly Bingaman - 2nd
Lori Bastian - 4th
Pamela Kurtz - 4th
Aubry McConnell - 4th
Delaney Kraus - 5th
Scott Stahl - 5th
Michael Porter - 6th
Susan Lucas - 7th
Stacy Shultz - 8th
Jonathan Dick - 9th
Jim Weaver - 10th
Bonnie Rute - 13th
Kathy Wieand - 13th
Jeff Diggan - 14th
Bill Dries - 14th
Calie Taylor - 15th
Julia Mitchell - 16th
Beth Shannon - 16th
Terry Mathias - 17th
Tiffany Snyder - 17th
Ronni Toro - 17th
Alecia McElwee - 19th
Steven Bennage - 22nd
Michael Dunkle - 22nd
Michael R. Royer - 22nd

Amy Miller - 23rd
Melissa Rohm - 23rd
Lori Walter - 23rd
Alexis Waltman - 24th
Rochelle Bastian - 27th
Mary Huff - 27th
Amy Bastian - 29th
Owen Hoffman - 29th
Kathy Koval - 29th
Daniel Baker - 30th

HAPPY
Anniversary

Benjamin & Michelle Frey - 12th
Edward & Sue Russell - 12th
Scott & Karen Herman - 16th
Scott & Donna Chrismer - 21st
Robert & Tonya Turnbaugh - 21st
Gary & Mary Jane Snyder - 26th
Mike & Rochelle Bastian - 30th
Naomi & Buzz Reed - 30th