

ST. ANDREW'S TIMES

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"Table Grace"

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,



Recently, my wife and I attended a Kiwanis Club picnic at a member's house, where members brought dishes to share. Looking along the line of food, the variety was impressive and indicative of the variety of the people: different careers, different stages of life, etc. It reminded me of the many church potlucks and fellowship meals I've been at throughout my life (quick reminder: the fellowship meals at St. Andrew's return beginning September 6).

As we move into autumn and prepare for World Communion Sunday on October 4th, our thoughts naturally turn toward tables. In our often frantic, fragmented world, the simple act of pulling up a chair together has become a radical act of faith and hospitality.

In the United Methodist tradition, we celebrate an "open table." We believe Holy Communion is not a reward for those who have everything figured out, but a vital means of grace for everyone who seeks Christ. As John Wesley emphasized, the Lord's Supper is both a converting and sustaining ordinance—a place where God's grace meets us in our hunger and fills us with divine love.

When we approach the altar or our own kitchen tables with open hands, we step into a sacred story. Jesus spent a remarkable amount of his ministry around tables: breaking bread with tax collectors, sharing meals with Pharisees, feeding thousands on grassy hillsides, and washing his disciples' feet in an upper room. His table was never restrictive; it was expansive.

In many ways, sitting face-to-face across a table restores something essential in us. Science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke once noted how advanced technology could connect the far corners of the world yet still leave individuals feeling utterly isolated. Passing a dish to someone sitting across from you forces us to slow down, look one another in the eye, and experience authentic community.

As we enter this season of harvest and gathering, here are three simple ways we can practice "table grace" with open hands:

1. Create space for the unexpected guest: Consider inviting someone to your table who might be going through a lonely season or who comes from a different background. True Christian hospitality builds bridges where walls used to stand.
2. Offer the gift of presence: Put away phones and screens during meals. Whether dining with a large family or sharing coffee with a friend, give those around you your undivided attention.
3. Remember the global table: On World Communion Sunday, we remember that our family of faith extends far beyond our local building to every continent, nation, and culture.

May our homes and our church sanctuary be places where the table is always set, the welcome is always warm, and God's grace is shared without measure.

Pulling up a chair with you, *Pastor Brian (AKA: PB)*

P.S. On Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday with breads representing different cultures and traditions from around the globe. Join us as we feast together at God's expansive table!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Design Team Meeting Minutes - 7/16/26

Submitted by: Jessica Ritenoir

Dates to Remember:

9/27 Combined Worship w/ Bethany@ St. Andrews - Breakfast Beforehand

10/4 World Communion Sunday - We will be offering breads from different countries.

11/1 All Saints Day

11/23 Hanging of the Greens

11/29 1st Day of Advent

-Worship Series-

August 23-September 27, 2026 "Walking through Exodus" We will be tracing the story of a God who refuses to stay at a distance. It begins small: midwives, a mother, a sister, acting with quiet courage before anyone hears God's voice at all. It grows louder at a burning bush, thunders across a parted sea, and settles into the steady rhythms of commandments and daily bread in the wilderness. And it ends exactly where it was always headed - a tent pitched in the middle of the camp, and centuries later, God in flesh, moving into the neighborhood. Every week, we'll return to the name God gave Moses at the bush - "I AM WHO I AM" - not as an abstract title, but as a promise: whatever wilderness we're walking through, individually or as a congregation, God is not watching from a distance. God is with us still.

October 2026 - Love One Another Series - The scene is set. Jesus gathers at the table with his disciples to break bread and break the news that this is their Last Supper together. Alarming fear, bitter betrayal, and tension-laden uncertainty fill the room, in the midst of this unsettling moment, the Gospel of John records Jesus' "famous last words". Central among these was the commandment to love one another. How do we survive, or even thrive, in times like these? We put love into action, replacing "othering" with "neighboring".

The anchor image for the theme is a table, particularly a picnic table. The presence of the picnic table in public spaces like parks is a symbol of invitation to conversation and a good meal to share. Please come join us at the table this Fall.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Hours: Monday-Thursday - Regularly Available
Friday - Sabbath (Emergencies Only)
Pastor Phone: 570-351-1619 Email: blucas@susumc.org

Secretary Hours: Monday & Friday - 8:00am-1:00pm
Office Phone: 570-742-2000 Email: saumc@ptd.net

Need for Servants to help for “**Ushers**”.
Please contact David Stahl if you can help.

Need Servants for **Tech Team** - see Bob Snyder



Donations being accepted Now - October 4th

New / Gentle Used: Winter Coats,
Boots, and Gloves
And New: Socks and Blankets

See Debbie Haulman to help
Wash and **Sort** donated items
as well as serve time during
donation days.



Attention all current choir members and anyone interested in joining the choir. There will be a brief informational meeting after worship Sunday, August 30th. Hope to see you all there!



Come and join the **Bell Choir** *No experience necessary*

Training provided and serve the Lord with joyful sounds with selected presentations on the church calendar.

An organizational rehearsal will be held on **Monday, September 14** in the music room from **7-7:45pm**

Hope to see you there for a season of joyful ringing.

Questions - contact Kimber @ 570-238-6395



Scripture Reading

- September 1 - Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13
- September 2 - Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32
- September 3 - Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21
- September 4 - Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21
- September 5 - Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36
- September 6 - Exodus 12:1-14 and Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11 and Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
- September 7 - Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17
- September 8 - Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7
- September 9 - Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22
- September 10 - Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16
- September 11 - Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16
- September 12 - Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15
- September 13 - Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Genesis 50:15-21 and Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
- September 14 - Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29
- September 15 - Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2
- September 16 - Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25
- September 17 - Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4
- September 18 - Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10
- September 19 - Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30
- September 20 - Exodus 16:2-15 and Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Jonah 3:10-4:11 and Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16
- September 21 - Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16
- September 22 - Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20
- September 23 - Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5
- September 24 - Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16
- September 25 - Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41
- September 26 - Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33
- September 27 - Exodus 17:1-7 and Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 and Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32
- September 28 - Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14
- September 29 - Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21
- September 30 - Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8



Servants

September 2026



Acolytes	
6	Lilli Butler
13	Brantley Butler
20	Grant Richie
27	Lilli Butler

Greeters	
6	TBA
13	Jill Foresman
20	Adam & Alaina Taylor
27	Mike & Jill Dunkle

Ushers	
David Stahl, Chief	
Terry Napp	Cindy Snyder
Nate Richie	Deb Simon

Altar Stewards
Karen Croman

Financial Stewards
Mona Napp & Shirley Coup

Tech Department			
Sept	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
6	Barry	Carlene	Sue
13	Barry	Carlene	Sam
20	Bob	Lauren	Sue
27	Bob	Barry	Sam

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Fellowship Meal: Hamburgers/Hot Dogs	7	8 1:00pm - P. Packs Prepack 6:00pm - NA Board Meeting	9 9:30am - Love Inc Board Meeting	10	11	12
13	14 6-7:30pm - Pops Concert Practice 7-7:45pm Bell Choir Practice (Music Room)	15 6-7:30pm - Pops Concert Practice 6:00pm - P. Packs Set-Up	16 6:00pm - P. Packs Packing Night	17 7:00pm Harvest Festival Pops Concert	18	19 Food Stand at start of parade route. Servants wanted!
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Combined Service @ St Andrew's UMC w/Breakfast 9am Service 10:30am	28 5:00pm Leadership Team Meeting	29	30			

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Recent Loss:
Mary Scholl - 7/14/26

Mailing Address Update:
Ruth Chrismer
c/o Scott Chrismer
1070 Boston Road
New Columbia PA 17856

SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday

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

Tonya Noll - 21st
Raymond Ranck - 21st
Terrie Baker - 23rd
Glen Young, IV - 23rd
Todd Noll - 25th
Mary Beth Dailey - 26th
Stephanie Krolikowski - 26th
Natalie Wiles - 26th
Kathy Smith - 27th
Justin Baker - 28th
Karen Croman - 28th
Gretchen Fullmer - 29th
Dolores Mullen - 29th
Michael Napp - 29th
Thomas Bennage - 30th

HAPPY Anniversary

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



Scripture Reading

- October 1 - Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23
- October 2 - Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
- October 3 - Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52
- October 4 - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Psalm 19; Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- October 5 - Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10
- October 6 - Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- October 7 - Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57
- October 8 - Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
- October 9 - Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10
- October 10 - Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22
- October 11 - Exodus 32:1-14 and Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Isaiah 25:1-9 and Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- October 12 - Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25
- October 13 - Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1
- October 14 - Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35
- October 15 - Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12
- October 16 - Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5
- October 17 - Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12
- October 18 - Exodus 33:12-23 and Psalm 99; Isaiah 45:1-7 and Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22
- October 19 - Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20
- October 20 - Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24
- October 21 - Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27
- October 22 - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16
- October 23 - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
- October 24 - Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47
- October 25 - Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 and Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
- October 26 - Psalm 119:41-48; Numbers 33:38-39; James 2:8-13
- October 27 - Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26
- October 28 - Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7; Matthew 19:16-22
- October 29 - Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29
- October 30 - Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3
- October 31 - Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28



Servants

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Acolytes	
4	Grant Richie
11	Brantley Butler
18	Lilli Butler
25	Grant Richie

Greeters	
4	Rich & Julie Neilson
11	Angela Shively
18	Arnie Wilver
25	Bob & Cindy Snyder

Ushers	
Gary Fullmer, Chief	
Barry Bowers	Rich Neilson
Debbie Haulman	Dennis Delcamp

Altar Stewards
Jeff & Jess Ritenour

Financial Stewards
Carol Layton, Debbie Simon and Sharon Wert

Tech Department			
Oct.	Soundboard	Power Point	Video
4	Barry	Lauren	Sue
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25	Barry	Carlene	Lauren

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 World Communion Sunday Fellowship Meal: Meatloaf	5 Pastor Brian Vacation through Oct 11 th Emergency Coverage: Carol Haas 570-584-9298	6 1:00pm - P. Packs Prepack	7 Coat Giveaway 4-7pm	8 Coat Giveaway 9am-Noon	9	10 Coat Giveaway 9am-Noon
11	12	13 6:00pm - P. Packs Set-Up	14 6:00pm - P. Packs Packing Night	15	16	17 Lasagna Dinner 4-6pm \$15
18	19	20	21	22	23 Noah's Ark Trunk or Treat	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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!

Ruth Chrismer	Sylvia Hendricks	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Sylvia Smith
Linda Emery	Janet Lee	Bonnie Rute	Marion Steese
David Everitt (Navy)	Jane Lentz	Lou Ann Sheets	Kathy & Gary Wieand
			Jean Zartman
Milton N&R - Ward Walter			
Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter			
Watsonstown N&R - 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/Friday 8am-1pm			

OCTOBER

Happy Birthday

Michelle McElwee - 1st
Lauren Mitchell - 1st
George Connolly - 2nd
Terry Holmes - 3rd
Dennis Delcamp - 4th
Jody Dulin - 6th
Mike McConnell - 7th
Frank Stitely - 7th
Bonnie Thomas - 7th
Dale Hippensteel - 8th
Ruth Raup - 9th
John Kraus - 12th
Nancy Stahlnecker - 12th
Kimber Williams - 13th
Dakota Zeager - 14th
Chadrick Bastian, Jr. - 16th
Timothy Hertz - 17th
Helen Phillips - 18th
Mary Leon - 19th
Linda McKee - 19th
Alecia Emory - 21st
Tina Kozicki - 21st
Brett Dunkle - 22nd
Bart Gibson - 22nd
Lucille Zellers - 22nd

Marlene Fama - 23rd
Rachel Coup - 24th
Harry Evans - 24th
Melvin Lloyd - 24th
David Neilson - 24th
Colleen Veitch - 25th
Mercy Gray - 26th
Samantha Rea - 29th
Linda Hammer - 30th
John Mullen - 30th
Donna Rodarmel - 30th
Chad Bastian - 31st
Andrew Neuer - 31st
Thomas Taylor - 31st

HAPPY Anniversary

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