May 2023

**St.**

**Andrew’s**

**Messenger**

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St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church “growing in passion for God, showing compassion to all”

**Our Mission:** “To make disciples of Jesus Christ, who are growing in passion for God and showing compassion to all, by sharing God’s **REPAIRing Love.**”

**Our Vision:**

making disciples through

**R**adical hospitality

**E**xtravagant generosity

**P**assionate worship

**A**uthentic witness

**I**ntentional faith development

**R**isk taking mission

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Jesus Christ functions in four main ways in the Christian life: Savior, Teacher, Lord, and Friend.

***Jesus Christ as my Savior****: he forgives my sins and sets me free*

***Jesus Christ as my Teacher****: he teaches me wisdom and guides me into truth*

***Jesus Christ as my Lord****: he lives at the center of my life*

***Jesus Christ as my Friend****: he understands and comforts me\**

There are things we love about Jesus. He is kind, compassionate, knowable, and courageous. There are things we don't love about Jesus and would be happy to overlook. He calls us to hard things like carrying a cross, committing to his kingdom, serving others, and not loving wealth. Some of the attributes of Jesus listed above are familiar and comfortable, some not so much. However, we cannot sanitize the Gospel message to get rid of the parts we don't like. When we encounter something we don't like, we should pause and ask ourselves why. Maybe we are being challenged to see God or the world in a new way. Not a one of us has attained all of the knowledge of the Kingdom.

As the world awakens around us from the quiet of winter to grow again this spring, I hope that your soul will grow and stretch outward and upward as you become closer to Christ. There's always something to learn!

Growing together,

~Pastor Suzanne

\*"A Spiritual Formation Workbook" by James Bryan Smith

**What’s Happening**

**May Mission of the Month**

**Vacation Bible School**



May's Mission of the Month supports St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School ministry. This year Bible School will be held June 25-29 in the evening. Your financial support will purchase the curriculum as well as needed supplies.



***Camp & Retreat Ministry***

The United Methodist Susquehanna Conference has many camps available in 2023. The five locations are Camp Penn, Greene Hills, Mount Asbury, Wesley Forest and Sky Lake. The student camps start at grade 2 until grade 12. Adventure, music, sports and backpacking are only some of the themes. Mom and Me and Grands and Me Making Memories are two camps to share with your children. Adult camps include Bread Making, Holiday craft, Scrapbooking and Quilt events. All of the information can be seen on the web site SUSUMCAMPS.ORG. The Kenneth A. Bloch Memorial Fund provides full payment for your camping experience. Please submit registration forms to Mary Ellen Krammes Church Treasurer. A Camp display is on the table in the Fellowship Hall



**Red Cross Blood Drive**

St. Andrew's will host a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 30 from 1:00-7:00pm. Watch for further details!



**Another Year of Awana**

Another year of our Wednesday night children/youth ministry "Awana" is wrapping up. There will be an awards ceremony and picnic on May 3 at the Valley View Park. This year we had 10 committed leaders and 25 children/youth ages 3 thru 13.



**Congratulations to the Class of 2023!**

\*St. Andrew's will host Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00pm

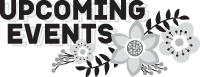
\*Names of those graduating college and graduate school are needed in the church office

\*Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, June 4 during worship with a reception afterwards

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**Annual Conference 2023**

The Susquehanna Annual Conference will meet May 17-20 at the Community Arts Center in Williamsport. Prayers are needed for the business to be conducted. These are chaotic times for the United Methodist Church. Prayers appreciated for lay delegates Karen Koppenhaver and Dan Wagner and for Pastor Suzanne.



There are lots of special events coming up! Mark your calendars now so you don't miss anything! More information will be forthcoming for all events.

***May***

**May 3** - Awana Awards night

**May 6** - Ladies Laughter & Luncheon

**May 7 –** CROP Walk (Postponed Date)

**May 18** – Ascension Day Service, 7:00pm at St James Lutheran, Pitman

**May 20** - CEF Prayer Service, 9-11am in Friedensburg

**May 30 –** Blood Drive from 1:00-7:00pm

***June***

**June 18** - Father's Day Breakfast

**June 25-29** - Vacation Bible School

***July***

**July 10-14 -** CEF Good News Day Camp, 9:30-3:00, VV Park

***August***

**August 13 –** Sunday Worship and picnic at Valley View Park

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**Congratulations and Blessings**

The 2023 Confirmation Class joined the church on April 16: Isabella Hiller,

Landon Horoschak, Brody Lesher, Gracyn Miller, Dustin Rickert, Jr., Kiara Smeltz, Thomas Zepnikowski.

Macklin John Raho, son of Alysa Felty and Alex Raho will be baptized on

Sunday, May 7.

**Office Hours and Information**

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

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**Newsletter Articles**

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**Prayer Chain Contact**

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**Upper Room Devotional**

The Upper Room provides a daily devotional for you to read.

It includes a Bible text, memory verse, inspirational reading, thought for the day, and a closing prayer. The prayer focus for that day is listed at the end.

Start each day with time for the Lord.

The books are available at the entrance doors.

**Pastoral Sons**

**Chaplain Glenn R. Scheib**, 95-957 Wikao Street Mililani, HI 96789

**Rev. David Wagner** 7517 S. 950 W-92 North Manchester, Indiana 46962

**Our Military**

**Staff Sgt. Thomas E. Barry**

1107 W. Maple Street, Valley View, Pa 17983

**Major Jennifer Renninger**

512 American Legion, Pine Grove, Pa 17963

**Nursing Home – Assisted Living – Group Homes – Rehab, (family)**

Danville: Vanessa Weaver

Polk Personal Care Center

301 North Street,

Millersburg, PA 17061

**Roberta Huntsinger**

Pottsville Nursing & Rehab

420 Pulaski Drive

Pottsville, PA 17901

**Gail Bowman**

Providence Place, Pine Grove

24 Hikes Hollow Road,

Pine Grove, PA 17963

**Ella Artz, Marilyn Herb, Dorothy Snell**

Rosewood Rehab. & Nursing Center

401 University Dr., Room 203C

Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

**Josie Artz**

Schuylkill Manor

1000 Schuylkill Manor Road

Pottsville PA 17901

**Tillie Wolfgang**





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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
|  | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** |
|  | **7:00pm**  **Chancel Choir**  **8:00pm**  **Men’s Chorus** | **9:00 – 11:00am**  **Office Hours** | **6:00-7:45pm**  **Awana**  **Awards Night** | **9:00am –**  **Bulletin Deadline**  **9:00 – 11:00am-**  **Office Hours** |  | **9:30am –**  **Ladies Laughter and Luncheon** |
| **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** |
| **9:00am –**  **Worship**  **10:30am –**  **Sunday School**  **2:00pm –**  **CROP Walk** | **7:00pm**  **Chancel Choir**  **8:00pm**  **Men’s Chorus** | **9:00 – 11:00am**  **Office Hours**  **6:30pm –**  **Trustee Meeting**  **7:30pm –**  **Ad Board Mtg** | **1:00pm –**  **Council on Ministries** | **9:00am –**  **Bulletin Deadline**  **9:00 – 11:00am-**  **Office Hours**  **10:00am**  **Senior Citizens** |  |  |
| **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** |
| **9:00am –**  **Worship**  **10:30am –**  **Sunday School**  **Mother’s Day** | **7:00pm –**  **Chancel Choir**  **8:00pm**  **Men’s Chorus** | **9:00 – 11:00am**  **Office Hours**  **1:00pm –**  **UWIF** |  | **9:00am –**  **Bulletin Deadline**  **9:00 – 11:00am-**  **Office Hours** | **S.A.M. Newsletter Deadline** |  |
| **21** | **22** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **26** | **27** |
| **9:00am –**  **Worship**  **10:30am –**  **Sunday School**  **2:00pm – TVHS Band Banquet** |  | **9:00 – 11:00am**  **Office Hours** |  | **9:00am –**  **Bulletin Deadline**  **9:00 – 11:00am-**  **Office Hours** |  |  |
| **28** | **29** | **30** | **31** |  |  |  |
| **9:00am –**  **Worship**  **10:30am –**  **Sunday School** | **Memorial Day** | **9:00 – 11:00am**  **Office Hours** | **7:00pm –**  **Baccalaureate** |  |  |  |
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**Mission of the Month**

**Vacation Bible School**



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| **Camp Ministry** |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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