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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

Radical hospitality

Extravagant generosity

Passionate worship

Authentic witness

Intentional faith development

Risk taking mission

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March 2023

Once a month I attend a continuing education group called "Pastoral Leadership Development." We read and discuss a different book each month. Last month's book was one of my all time favorites. It's a new book by Ruth Haley Barton called *Embracing Rhythms of Work and Rest: From Sabbath to Sabbatical and Back Again*. This wonderful book has helped to challenge my idea of what Sabbath really means in this season of my life.

I remember well the busy days when my kids all lived at home. Before they could drive, we took them to their practices and events and picked them up again. I had church meetings and we were active in the fire company. We live in "the boonies," a half hour drive each way to town. That's a lot of extra time! Some weeks I was gone every evening. During that busy season with young children, we also took care of Rick's parents who needed constant support after his Dad had a stroke. Those were such busy times! Today's life is so calm and quiet in comparison. The kids are grown, Rick's parents have gone to heaven, and the house is quiet. During the busy season of the past, Sabbath meant setting aside time to simply rest and spend unstructured time with my family. These days, I have plenty of quiet and alone time. However, what do I do with it? Sabbath is more than "not working." It's about creating quality time to "exhale" and restore the body, mind, and spirit.

Some of you need to be reminded that Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments. God says it is necessary for abundant life. If you don't have a day to rest, you need to create one - even if that means giving up something. Rest is necessary! Some of you have plenty of free time. You have lots of rest! My question for you is - What you do with that time? Do you spend any intentional time with God? Do you ever really feel rested?

We are going to be exploring Spiritual Disciplines during Sunday morning worship. Here is a bonus one - Sabbath! You have six days each week to be a "human doing." Can you take one day to be a "human being?" Your body, mind, and spirit all need intentional rest and renewal. Challenge issued!

Walking with Christ and you,  
~Pastor Suzanne

# What's Happening

## February Mission of the Month Call to Prayer and Self Denial

Our Mission of the Month for March will be a Call to Prayer and Self Denial

This year the Prayer and Self Denial Offering will directly support United Women In Faith's racial justice work, which is helping to create a more equitable society.

Your gift supports both our campaign to interrupt the school to prison pipeline and our long-standing work building members capacity to implement the Charter for Racial Justice at all levels of organization.

In giving, you are showing your support for United Women In Faith long-standing commitment to advance racial justice the church and in the world. Our foremothers authored the Charter for Racial Justice because they believed. In 2023 , United Women In Faith continue to believe.

Please make checks payable to the *United Methodist Women.*

### **St. John's Emergency Food Closet**

Due to the generosity of its supporters, St. John's Emergency Food Closet offers food to anyone in the Tri-Valley area. Those attending a church in the Tri-Valley area are also eligible if they live elsewhere. Families can receive food once a month. Contact Sharol Snyder at 570-682-9119.



Forrest Herb will be celebrating his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Forrest Herb  
104 Gap Street  
PO Box 467  
Valley View PA 17983

Ella Artz will be celebrating her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ella Artz  
24 Hikes Hollow Road  
Providence Place  
Pine Grove PA 17963



### **Lent 2023**

There are many ways to deepen your faith this Lenten season. As we worship, study, and fellowship together we prepare our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection.

Pick up a copy of our "Lent flier" which has all the information for the Saturday Lent breakfasts, weekday Lent Bible study (which coordinates with the Sunday sermon series), and Wednesday Community Lenten services.

The offering received at the Wednesday evening community Lenten services will be given to Samaritan's Purse for humanitarian relief in Turkey and Syria.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



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.

## **April**

\*See our "Lent flier" for Holy Week & Easter services\*

April 16 - Confirmation Sunday, 9:00am with reception afterwards

April 27 - Chi Rho Concert 7:00pm

April 29 - Chicken BBQ fundraiser

April 30 - CROP Walk, in the Pitman valley

## **May**

May 3 - Awana Awards night

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

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

## **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

### **Office Hours and Information**

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

Secretary – Kathy Miller

Phone – 570-682-8107

E-Mail – [kathymiller1046@gmail.com](mailto:kathymiller1046@gmail.com)

Note the office email address to use:

[office@standrewsvalleyview.org](mailto:office@standrewsvalleyview.org)

### **Newsletter Articles**

E-mail to the address below:

[office@standrewsvalleyview.org](mailto:office@standrewsvalleyview.org)

### **Prayer Chain Contact**

Carole Hepler (570) 682-3301

[chelper@comcast.net](mailto:chelper@comcast.net)

### **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**





# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00-7:45pm – Awana 7:00pm – Lent @ St. Paul's	2 9:00am – Bulletin Deadline 9:00 – 11:00am Office Hours	3 10:00am – Lenten Bible Study	4 7:00am – Lenten Breakfast 10:00am - Fellowship Hall Rental
5 9:00am – Worship AMPED 10:30am – Sunday School 1:30-2:45pm – Confirmation Class	6 7:00pm – Chancel Choir 8:00pm – Men's Chorus	7 9:00 – 11:00am Office Hours	8 6:00-7:45pm – Awana 7:00pm – Lent @ Frieden's Lutheran	9 9:00am – Bulletin Deadline 9:00 – 11:00am Office Hours 10:00am – Senior Citizens	10 10:00am – Lenten Bible Study	11 7:00am – Lenten Breakfast
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**March Mission of the Month  
UWIF Call to Prayer and Self Denial**

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