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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

St. Andrew's Web site:  
[www.standrewsvalleyview.org](http://www.standrewsvalleyview.org)

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December 2023



## Advent and Christmas Schedule

### Sunday, December 3

Holy Communion

### Sunday, December 10

Children's Christmas Program

### Sunday, December 17

9:00am - Third Sunday of Advent

7:00pm - Choir Cantata

"Mary, Did You Know?"

### Sunday, December 24

9:00am - Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00pm - Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

"Nine Lessons and Carols"

Sunday morning Advent Worship and  
Study Series: "The Redemption of  
Scrooge" by Matt Rawle. Accompanying  
study and discussion during Sunday  
School hour. All are welcome!



# What's Happening

## Advent Hymn Sing

Join the Chancel Choir at St. John's UMC, Hegins for their traditional Advent Hymn Sing on Sunday, December 3 at 7:00pm.

## UWIF News

Donations in the amount of \$50.00 each were mailed to the charitable organization of our pastoral sons and military members choice. Dave Wagner chose the Lakeland Child Evangelism Ministries in Indiana, Glenn Scheib chose Helping Harvest, and Jennifer Renninger chose the Schuylkill Hope Center in Pottsville.

## Angel Tree Ministry

Three families in our community will have a brighter Christmas season because of the generosity of our congregation in support of the Pine Creek Christian Outreach. All 55 envelopes were taken from the tree by dedicated and mission minded members of our congregation. Thanks be to God for you!!

## Operation Christmas Child

Once again, members of our congregation answered the call of faithful discipleship by offering their gifts and monetary donations to Operation Christmas Child. A total of 60 shoeboxes were filled with "love" and delivered to the collection site in Pine Grove. Not only did we have 60 boxes filled with gifts for the children, but ample monetary donations to cover \$600.00 in shipping costs with an additional \$690.00 to send to Samaritan's Purse. Thank you for making it possible for more children around the world to hear about God's Greatest Gift, Jesus Christ.

## Welcome!

A warm welcome to Carla Bohner who transferred her membership back to St. Andrew's.

 IN OUR   
*Thoughts and Prayers*

Sympathy and prayers to the families of **Dorothy Snell**, who passed away on October 31, and **Lee Morgan**, who passed away on November 19.

  
*Happy Birthday to...*

Doris Lettich will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on December 3rd.

Doris Lettich  
109 W. Maple Street  
Valley View, PA 17983

## Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park will be held on December 9th. from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Santa arrives at 4:30 pm. Horse drawn wagon rides start at 5:00 pm and Vendors and Chinese Auction is from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. St. Andrew's United Methodist Church will be highlighting the event again with the Live Nativity program. This program will be at 7:00 pm. See Roger Wetzel to help participate in this event.

## **Office Hours and Information**

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

Secretary – Nolan Wiest

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**

**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**

## **Rosewood Rehab. & Nursing Center**

401 University Dr., Room 203C  
Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972

**Josie Artz**

## **Schuylkill Manor**

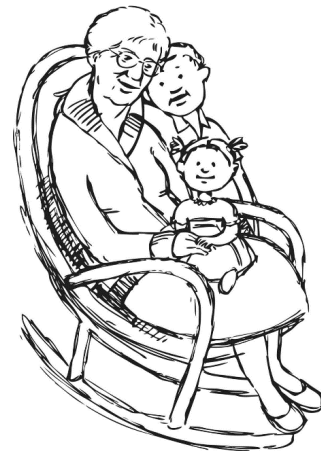
1000 Schuylkill Manor Road  
Pottsville PA 17901

**Tillie Wolfgang**

## **Tremont Health & Rehab Center**

44 Donaldson Road  
Tremont PA 17981

**Jo Ann Shade**





# CHRISTMAS CANTATA

“Mary Did You Know?”

Featuring a 32-voice  
choir from three area  
churches

December 17, 7:00 pm  
St. Andrew's UMC  
1382 W. Main Street,  
Valley View

Refreshments to follow



*Kick off your Advent Season at the*

# **Lighting of the Christmas Tree**

Entertainment  
by Local  
Musicians

Craft  
Projects  
for Kids

Food  
Trucks

Community Children's  
Handbell Choir using  
color coded bells,  
seeking kids grade  
K-6, To join, RSVP to  
Deb at 570-691-6351  
by November 24!

Scavenger  
Hunt



**December 2, 2023 5-7 pm**

(Rain or shine)

**FRIEDENS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN PARSONAGE**

509 E. Main Street, Hegin



# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Walk to Bethlehem	5:00pm – Hegins Tree Lighting
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00am – Worship Communion 10:30am – Sunday School	7:00pm – Chancel Choir 7:30pm- Cantata Choir	9:00am – Office Hours	6:00-7:45pm – Awana	9:00am – Bulletin Deadline 9:00-11:00am- Office Hours		4:00pm - Christmas in the Park
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:00am – Worship 10:30am – Sunday School	7:00pm – Chancel Choir 7:30pm- Cantata Choir	9:00am – Office Hours 10:00am- UMW 2:00-7:00pm – Blood Drive at Trinity Lutheran 6:30pm – Trustees Meeting 7:30pm – Ad. Board	6:00-7:45pm – Awana	9:00am – Bulletin Deadline 9:00-11:00am- Office Hours 12:00pm – Sr. Citizens Christmas Party	S.A.M Newsletter Deadline	Fellowship Hall Rental
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9:00am – Worship 10:30am- Sunday School 5:00pm – Candlelight Service	Merry Christmas!	Office Closed		9:00am – Bulletin Deadline 9:00-11:00am- Office Hours		
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