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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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"Soak me in your laundry and I'll  
come out clean, scrub me and I'll  
have a snow-white life." Psalm 51:7  
(*The Message*)

As much as I love the traditional words of  
scripture which I can recite from memory,  
sometimes it's nice to hear it a different way.  
When I'm ready for a fresh view, I often pick up  
*The Message*, the paraphrase by Rev. Eugene  
Peterson. Psalm 51 is often read on Ash  
Wednesday. It's a repentance psalm attributed to  
David after he was confronted with the sin of his  
affair with Bathsheba. The season of Lent, which  
begins on Ash Wednesday, is the perfect time for  
each of us to be confronted with the reality of our  
own sin. No matter what the specifics of the sin,  
each of us is in need of repentance and  
forgiveness.

I like to do laundry! There's something very  
satisfying about taking a pile of dirty, smelly  
clothes and with some soap and water making  
them clean and good smelling again. Besides, it's  
one of the easier of all of the household chores –  
the washer does most of the work! What is dirty  
becomes clean. What is smelly becomes fragrant.  
What is no longer usable becomes usable again.  
Sounds familiar!

God washes away the dirt of our sin by the  
blood of his Son, Jesus Christ. By His grace, we  
are forgiven and washed clean, new, fresh,  
renewed.

On February 14, we begin the season of  
Lent, a time designed by the church year for soul  
searching and repentance. I invite you to take the  
six weeks of Lent as an opportunity to grow closer  
to God in every way.

On the journey with you,  
~Pastor Suzanne

**Pick up a 2024 Lent Brochure**

**Wednesday Evening Lent Worship,  
Special Worship Services, Lenten  
Breakfasts, Bible Study**

# What's Happening

## Mission of the Month

### Special Collection for Schuylkill Center

The Mission Committee has become aware of a need at a local Nursing Center. Many of the residents have no support or involvement from family for various reasons. Sometimes the resident has outlived their significant others or family lives at a distance away. Although the Center provides a family atmosphere, clothing becomes worn and needs to be updated. We would like to help.

The Activity Department provides a variety of activities to stimulate the residents. Many puzzles are quite dog-eared and games have missing parts. We requested a list of items that we could donate to replace and enhance the interest of the residents.

We plan to have Valentines hanging on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary listing the item and size needed. **Return the item unwrapped by March 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Money collected through the "Mission jar" will be used to purchase additional items.

We are commissioned to "Love One Another As Christ Loved Us." Even the smallest gesture is so very much appreciated by these residents. Thank you so much for contributing to help care for these dear people.

Love  
ONE ANOTHER



## 4,048 Jars of Peanut Butter During Lent

The churches of the Harrisburg and York Districts are joining together to Collect a total of 4,048 jars of Peanut butter (or the nut free equivalent) To be given to local food pantries. Peanut butter is one of the most Frequently requested items by Food banks because it is kid-friendly, Shelf-stable, and protein-rich.

Our donations will go to Pine Creek Outreach and St. John's Food Bank. Place them on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Together we can make a difference!  
Collection runs February 14-March 24



Looking for a fun, free, and friendly night out? Well look no more! We will be hosting a Game Night, **Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will begin the evening with a **potluck meal at 5:00 PM**, followed by a time of games and laughter. There will be board/card/dice games and for those who enjoy a bit more challenging and competitive type games, there will be those also. Come out and join the fun. If you don't like playing games, just come for the fellowship and laughter. Any questions, please contact Karen Koppenhaver, 570-590-7330.



The Youth will be holding a Baked Potato Bar and Soup Sale on **2/11/24 from 11:30-1:00**. All proceeds benefit the St. Andrew's UMC Youth Group.

### **2023 Contribution Statements**

Below are three options to request a print out of your 2023 Contribution Statement

- Call church office at 570-682-3508
- Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall
  - Email church office at [office@standrewsvalleyview.org](mailto:office@standrewsvalleyview.org)



### **Annual Audit**

Please submit your organization's financial records for Audit of 2023 to Pat Miller no later than **Sunday, February 11, 2024**. Thank you.

### **Giving Envelopes**

Giving envelopes are now available in the Fellowship Hall for pick up. Anyone not assigned an envelope number that wants one or anyone requiring access to the church during the week to pick up their envelopes, please call David Herb at 570-682-9346



### **Altar Flower Chart** *Altar Flowers*

The 2024 chart is posted for the flowers to be placed on the altar.

If you want to honor or place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one, please list your name on the chart.

You are responsible to order the flowers.

Notify the office with your announcement.

**\*\*Red Cross Blood Drive\*\***

Trinity Lutheran Church  
February 21 2:00pm-7:00pm  
1-800-733-2767  
[Redcrossblood.org](http://Redcrossblood.org)

### **Office Hours and Information**

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Phone – 570-682-3508  
[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

Mt. Carmel Nursing Rehab Center  
2610 Locust Gap Highway  
Mt. Carmel, PA 17851  
**Jeannette Zerbe**

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**





# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Office Hours:</b>	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday 9:00am-11:00am</b>		<b>Bulletin deadline: Thursdays at 9:00am</b>	1 5:00pm Game Night	2	3
4 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	5 6:15pm Men's Chorus 7:00pm Chancel Choir	6	7 6:00pm AWANA	8 10:00am – Senior Citizens	9	10
11 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School  11:30-1:00 Baked Potato Bar	12 6:15pm Men's Chorus	13 6:30pm Trustees 7:30pm Ad Board	14 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  7:00pm Worship	15	16	17 7:00am – Lent Breakfast
18 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	19 <b>Presidents' Day</b>	20 1:00pm UWIF	21 6:00pm AWANA  7:00pm Lent Worship @ Pine Creek UMC	22 10:00am - Bible Study 10:00am – Senior Citizens	23	24 7:00am – Lent Breakfast
25 9:00am Worship 10:30am Sunday School	26 7:00pm Chancel Choir	27	28 6:00pm AWANA  7:00pm Lent Worship @ Friedens Lutheran	29 10:00am - Bible Study		

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