**March 2024**

**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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The holy week hymn "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" dates back to the Middle Ages. It was translated into German around 1656 and into English around 1752. The original poem contains ten stanzas which reflect on the suffering Jesus endured for our sake. The last stanza (which is not one of the three included in our hymnal) goes like this:

Be Thou my consolation,

my shield when I must die;

remind me of Thy passion

when my last hour draws nigh.

Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,

upon Thy cross shall dwell,

my heart by faith enfolds Thee.

Who dieth thus dies well.

The last stanza above puts a personal application to the suffering and death of Jesus. At the end of life, when each of us leaves everything in the world behind, may our faith be our "shield" and "consolation." Pastor and author Adam Hamilton ends each of his Easter messages with these words which are intended to speak a personal testimony to the message of resurrection, "I not only believe it, I'm counting on it!"

Every year we tell the same story from the same Bible readings at the same time of year. But every year there is someone who is in a life circumstance where this old, old, story becomes new and real and hope-filled. The end of life will come for all of us. In fact, we are all one day closer to heaven than we were yesterday! The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, is your hope, your shield, your consolation.

Walking with Christ and you,

~Pastor Suzanne





**HOLY WEEK**

March 24-31

**Sunday, March 24:**

Palm/Passion Sunday

**Thursday, March 28:**

Maundy Thursday Worship – 7:30pm

**Friday, March 29:**

Crosswalk – 12:15pm Begin & End at St. Andrew's

Good Friday Community Worship – 7:00pm @ Christ UCC, Fountain

**Sunday, March 31**:

Easter Sunrise – 6:30am (outside, weather permitting)

Worship Celebration – 9:00am



**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.

**Please place them on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Collection runs February 14-March 24**

Together we can make a difference

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**Red Bird Mission**

Red Bird Mission was founded over 100 years ago in order to "build healthy, economically sustainable communities in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky." Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission seeks to make a difference through 5 programs: Health, Education, Housing Improvement, Outreach, and Economic Opportunity.

Local church giving is down 40% in the last ten years which represents a difference of over $600,000 annual revenue. This ministry is chosen as Mission of the Month to support their efforts to serve the more than 10,000 people living in poverty in their area. All mission donations may be placed in the Mission of the Month container by the offering plates.



Don’t forget to turn your clocks ahead! Daylight savings time begins 3/10/24



**LOVE IN ACTION**

1 John 3:18 “Let us not love with words and speech, but in actions and in truth.”

**Please register in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, March 10, 2024**



**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.



**LOOKING AHEAD - VBS**

Vacation Bible School 2024 

Mark your calendars for **June 23-27** as we dive deep into friendship with God. Each night will include FUN, songs, snack, science, games and interactive Bible stories as we learn the following truths: God is a friend who's real. God is a friend who loves. God is a friend we can trust. God is a friend forever. God is a friend for everyone.

**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 1796



**Nursing Home – Assisted Living –**

**Group Homes – Rehab, (family)**

Danville: Vanessa Weaver

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**

Polk Personal Care Center

301 North Street,

Millersburg, PA 17061

**Roberta Huntsinger**

Mt. Carmel Nursing Rehab Center

2610 Locust Gap Highway

Mt. Carmel, PA 17851

**Jeannette Zerbe**





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**

Tremont Health & Rehab Center

44 Donaldson Road

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**Jo Ann Shade**



**Office Hours and Information**

Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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**Newsletter Articles**

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**Prayer Chain Contact**

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| **Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
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| mar_10121**2024** |  | **7:00am – Lent Breakfast** |
| **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** |
| **9:00am –** **Worship****10:30am – Sunday School** |  | **10:00am12:00pm****Office Hours**  | **7:00pm – Community Lent Service – St. Andrew’s** | **9:00am –****Bulletin Deadline****10:00am12:00pm****Office Hours** **10:00 am –** **Sr. Citizens****10:00am – Lent Bible Study** |  | **7:00am – Lent Breakfast** |
| **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| **9:00am – Worship****10:30am – Sunday School** | **6:15pm –****Men’s Chorus** | **10:00am12:00pm****Office Hours** **6:00pm – Legion Meeting - Downstairs****6:30pm –Trustees** **7:30pm – Ad Board**  | **6:00pm – AWANA****7:00pm – Community Lent Service-Christ E&R, Leck Hill** | **9:00am –****Bulletin Deadline****10:00am12:00pm****Office Hours** **10:00am – Lent Bible Study** |  | **7:00am – Lent Breakfast** |
| **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** | **21** | **22** | **23** |
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| **Palm Sunday 24** | **25** | **26** | **27** | **28** | **Good Friday 29** | **30** |
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| **Easter Sunday 31**  |
| **6:30am – Sunrise** **9:00am – Worship****10:30am – Sunday School** |

**HAPPY EASTER**

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