

St. Andrew's

Messenger

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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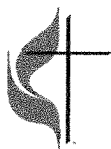
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MAY 2024



*To everything there is a season and a time to
every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1*

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the works of his hands. Day
after day they pour forth speech; night
after night they reveal knowledge.*

Psalm 19:1-2

I think the spring flowers have been
exceptionally pretty this year. At our place we
have some tulips that were planted by the
previous owner, nearly 20 years ago. They
were lovelier this year than any other year I
can remember. The fruit trees and daffodils
were bright and full. I guess we had just the
right combination of sun and rain this year.

Soon the wind, chilly nights, and warm days
will give way to hazy, hot, and humid days.
One season transitions into the next - year
after year. How amazing is God's Creation!
The cold and rest of winter gives the world the
power for another growing season. The lawns
which looked brown and dead are now tall and
green. It's about time to plant our gardens
which will overflow with produce in just a few
months. God has created a wonderfully
interconnected system which sustains all life
in the world.

I am reminded of the hymn "This is My
Father's World" which says, "This is my
Father's world: the birds their carols raise, The
morning light, the lily white, Declare their
Maker's praise."

Let's join our hearts and our voices (together
with all of Creation) in praise to God for this
amazing world we live in.

Praise be to God!

~Pastor Suzanne



MISSION OF THE MONTH

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.

VBS Set Design Dates

All are welcome to help create the decorations for this year's Vacation Bible School. All skill levels needed. Join the fun **May 7, 14, 21 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm downstairs**. See Karen Wiest for further details.

ACTS WORSHIP SERIES

Worship and Study Series - Book of Acts

You're invited to engage the scripture by reading the Book of Acts between Easter and Pentecost. See for yourself how the early church struggled and triumphed in their mission to spread the message of Jesus Christ.

Read ahead to be prepared for the message during worship. Join the Discussion Class during the Sunday School hour for deeper engagement.

May 5 Chapters 19-23

May 12 Chapters 24-28

DAUGHTER'S DAY

All age girls and women, you are a DAUGHTER! We will be holding a **Daughter's Day covered dish on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00pm**. We will enjoy a time of food, fun, laughter and even some Bible Trivia – Women of the Bible! We will also be entertained by our own Carole Hepler and her sister, Cindy Wedde. Mark your calendars, make your favorite dish, and come join us as we celebrate daughters!

THANK YOU

Thank you to you for your generous support of Red Bird Mission during the month of March. We were able to send them **\$531.00** to support their ministry.

AWANA NEWS

Farewell to Awana after 10 Years

Thanks to our Leaders

The time has come to wrap up our Awana ministry after 10 beautiful years. Awana will end with its annual Awards Night on Wednesday, May 1 at Valley View Park. We will hand out awards from this year's club and take a special moment to recognize all of those who helped with Awana over the years. Dozens of children have heard about Jesus Christ thanks to our dedicated leaders. Stay tuned for information about our next phase of children's ministry.

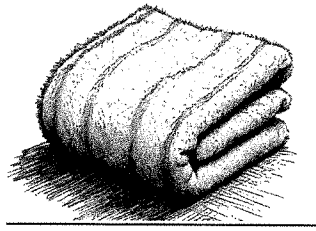
Thank you to all those who served in this ministry (Some new names added):

Brooke Adams, Pastor Duane Bardo, Sarah Bardo, Terri Bardo, Deb Barry, Carla Bohner, Tiffany Bohner, Candi Deppen, Steve Deppen, Pastor Suzanne Elliott, Olivia Hepler, Jennifer Kerstetter, Emily Kimmel, Mary Ellen Klebe, Holly Koppenhaver, Karen Koppenhaver, Quent Koppenhaver, Bambi Maurer, Anna Miller, Larry Miller, Pat Miller, Stacy Miller, Kay Morgan, Rhonda Moyer, Jen Reed, Devoureaux Williams, Christina Schalles, Madison Scheib, Andy Schwalm, Tabitha Schwalm, Cara Snyder, Mark Snyder, Tammy Snyder, Gabrielle Umholtz, Julie Wagner, Karen Wiest, Jim Wiest, Jason Wright



**Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 19, 2024**

Hand Towel Collection



Our entire Annual Conference will be participating in a service project to benefit Mission Central. During Annual Conference delegates will have the opportunity to assemble Care Kits. Churches in the Harrisburg District are asked to collect **hand towels**. If you would like to donate any new, clean hand towels (microfiber towels are ok) **please bring them to church by May 28**.

The Harvest is Plentiful

Susquehanna Annual Conference • May 30 - June 1, 2024 • Community Arts Center, Williamsport, Pa

Karen Koppenhaver, Dan Wagner, and Pastor Suzanne will be attending **Annual Conference May 30-June 1** in Williamsport, PA. Please keep them in prayer.

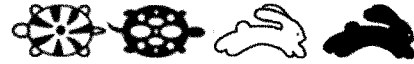
**PASTOR'S
VACATION
DATES**



Pastor Suzanne will be on vacation May 22-28. Rev. Benjamin Scholl will be on call for pastoral emergencies. 570-765-3467

JEWEL JOG

June 8, 2024



The Jewel Jog is not just for runners! **Do you prefer to walk? Perfect! You are Team Turtle! Do you like to run? Awesome! You are Team Hare! Two teams, one cause!** Walk, run, skip, hop, or crawl, but don't miss this fun event to support **Jewel Women's Center!** Early registration for walkers and runners is \$20 through May 19. May 20 through June 8, registration for adults will be \$25. Children riding in a stroller are free. There are copies of registration information in Fellowship Hall. If there is interest in forming a team from St. Andrew's, please see Mary Ellen Klebe for more information.



UPPER ROOM: Our daily devotional guide for **May/June** has a depiction of Christ's ascension on the cover. We observe Ascension Day on Thursday, May 8, 2024. We are blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. How might we use our gifts to bear witness to Christ today? Please pick up your devotional guide and be led by the scriptures and prayers. Books are available at each entry door.



It's time to register for summer camp. Registration is now open online. Reminder to all that the church has funds generously provided to pay for anyone from St. Andrew's ministries who wants to attend (including youth group & Awana). There are programs for all ages. <https://suscrm.org>

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

Randy Snyder
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



Our thoughts and prayers for the families of:

Shirley Deeter
Janet Fetterolf
Karen Fetterolf
Mildred Harner
Charles Hornberger
George Maurer
Clair Scheib



Major Jennifer Renninger
512 American Legion, Pine Grove, Pa 17963

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
Tremont PA 17981
Jo Ann Shade

Mt. Carmel Nursing Rehab Center
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UPDATE ON FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

(NURSING HOME OUTREACH)

You have blessed so many residents with this new ministry. Because of your overwhelming response, this mission has met so many needs. Even more importantly, the residents knew God's love through our interest and participation.

The staff came with one cart to receive our gifts. They were speechless when we needed an additional 2 tier cart to bestow the gifts. The staff of nursing was in tears, along with the receptionist, the head of activities and all persons in the lobby.

The residents were just happy for visitors. They would enjoy the personal items later as nursing would sort and distribute them. We are in the process of getting Facebook pictures approved for us to see some of the residents; just as happy for the recognition, as for the item. itself.

Pastor Suzanne reminded us that we also had a monetary collection to buy items up to \$315.00. Tears and hugs were given as we set up the new microwave and 6 slice cool touch toaster, along with a twin quilt and cocoa mixes and hullless popcorn.

May God bless you back, St Andrews! You remembered "the least of these." Thank you so much!

The Missions Committee



St. Andrew's received the following Thank You from the Staff and Residents :

4/1/24

It is with great gratitude that I write to thank the members of St. Andrew's UMC for your extremely generous donations that were presented to our Homestead Unit at Schuylkill Center.

We are so impressed by the way your congregation went above and beyond to bring a little joy to our residents and staff.

I speak on behalf of everyone here on the Homestead Unit when I say that your gifts will truly make a difference in the lives of those we care for. God Bless!

Sincerely,

The Staff and Residents of the Schuylkill Center Homestead Unit





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“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” – Luke 10:27 CEB

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!*

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms – sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Supporting
UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery

Gift Amount
\$ 675.00

Date Received 03-12-24

Account #18758

Please retain this letter as your receipt. In compliance with IRS regulations, no goods or services were provided by the General Board of Global Ministries in consideration of your contribution. Thank you for your continued support.



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." <u>Proverbs 31:28-29</u></p> </div>			1 6:00pm – AWANA PICNIC – VV PARK	2	3	4
5	6 6:15pm – Men's Chorus 7:00pm – Chancel Choir	7	8 6:00pm – Daughter's Day Potluck	9 10:00am – Sr. Citizens ASCENSION DAY	10	11
12 MOTHERS DAY	13	14 6:30pm – Trustees 7:30pm – Ad Board	15	16	17	18
19 Graduation Recognition PENTECOST	20	21 1:00pm – UWIF	22 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	23 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> 10:00am – Sr. Citizens	24 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	25 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>
26 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	27 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i> MEMORIAL DAY	28 <i>Pastor on Vacation</i>	29 10:00am -12:00pm Office Hours	30 Annual Conference NO OFFICE HOURS	31 Annual Conference	June 1 Annual Conference

NOTES:

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 9:00 am **SUNDAY SCHOOL** – 10:30 am

OFFICE HOURS – Tuesday & Thursday – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

BULLETIN DEADLINE – Thursday – 9:00 am

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – Third Friday of Month

* Watch bulletin for changes



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