

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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Today is a cosmic shrug. My day planner says, rather conveniently, that I will not need you, cry for you, reach for you. Ordinarily, I might not think of you at all. Except, if you don't mind, let me notice you. From "For This Ordinary Day" from the devotional book "The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days" by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

In a sermon recently, I mentioned an author by the name of Kate Bowler. She is a professor at Duke Divinity School who, as a young 35 year old woman, received a devastating cancer diagnosis. She writes very honestly and sometimes irreverently about her experience facing death. She looks at faith in a refreshingly honest way, when faith is all there is. If you would want to read her story, it can be found in her book "No Cure for Being Human." Out of that experience, Kate has written other books and produced a podcast called "Everything Happens." She says her goal is to "give you permission to feel human." That means good, bad, and ordinary.

God is with us in the ordinary happenings of life, not just the wonderful celebrations or the deep sorrows. For most of us, ordinary days are (thankfully) what most of our days are like. Do we notice God on ordinary days or do we think "Thank goodness I don't need You right now!" God wants more from us. God wants to be our companion through all of life, including ordinary days.

Things tend to slow down in the summer. Vacations mean rest and fun. Days are long and hot and lazy. Do you invite God to join you? Even when we don't need something from God because right now "I'm good!," God wants something from us. God wants to be noticed, known, honored.

I invite you to be more intentional in inviting God into your ordinary days and ordinary moments. Look for God beyond your morning devotional reading. Speak to God in a random quiet moment, acknowledge God's presence. Take another step towards Him.

Have a happy, restful, ordinary summer!
~Pastor Suzanne

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Community Service Night Supplies



Last year we tried a new outreach opportunity, Community Service Nights. We offered dinner and 2 hours of community service credit to Tri-Valley students in grades 9-12. All high school students are required to have 10 hours of community service per year in order to graduate. This was a wonderful success! We had around 30 kids, plus adults, each time, creating kits for Mission Central and Caitlin's Smiles. This was a triple blessing: charities were blessed by our donations, area teens were blessed with a fun and safe way to earn some needed hours, and we at St. Andrew's were blessed by getting to know some of our area youth!

This month we will collect supplies and monetary donations to be ready for one or two more Community Service Nights this fall. Since it's the time for back to school sales, you should get more value for your money! Thank you for your generous support this past year. We are looking forward to another great outreach opportunity!

Items to donate:

- popsicle sticks (new)
- yarn (any color)
- child-sized scissors
- one subject spiral bound notebooks
- pencil sharpeners (small, manual)
- rulers
- ink pens (black or blue ink only)
- erasers
- 24 pack crayons
- 6-12 pack markers
- 6-12 pack colored pencils
- 2-gallon plastic bags



Summer Worship Themes

In July we will focus on "Hidden Gems: Often Overlooked Books of the Bible." You are invited to read (or re-read) these four wonderful books of the Bible. Two are from the Old Testament, two from the New Testament. And none of them are very lengthy!

July 6 Ruth

July 13 Ecclesiastes

July 20 1 John

July 27 1 Peter

July 27 Celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion.**



We will also be singing your favorite hymns during July. Thank you for submitting your choices!



PENCIL IT IN

St. Andrew's will be hosting a **Blood Drive**, **July 29, 2025** from 2:00pm-7:00pm. You can make an appointment to donate blood at redcross.org or by calling 1-800-733-2767.



*St. Andrew's Church Family, Thank you so much for the kind gift and card to celebrate my graduation. I am so grateful to be surrounded by love and support throughout my whole life from all of you.

All glory to God. Tiffany Bohner

*My family at St. Andrew's UMC, Thank you so much for the generous graduation gift. I am sorry I was unable to attend the recognition, but am very thankful you still thought of me. I do not receive notification when I get mail, but I still wanted to express my appreciation despite it being late. Thank you again for the generous gift and always being a church I can come home to!

Sincerely, Jensen Bolich

*Thank you so much for your generous gift. I appreciated the Amazon card. I am blessed to be a part of such a thoughtful church family. Sincerely, Justis Troutman

*St. Andrew's, Thank you for being so kind to host the American Red Cross Blood Drive in June. Your church is a blessing to our community; 29 pints were collected. God Bless, Carol Herb

*Dear St. Andrew's Church, Thank you for inviting me to speak, along with Shelley Hikes, concerning the ministry of CEF. Your support in numerous ways is both a blessing to many children and an encouragement to us. May God's grace be with you, Amy E. Hautle

THANKS FOR

★ HELPING WITH ★

VBS

We would like to say a huge **"THANK YOU"** to all those who helped with VBS. We tried a new program set up and it seems to have gone well. Those who helped: Pastor Suzanne, Carole Hepler, Mary Ellen Klebe, Cathy Miller, Stacy Miller, Dan Wagner, Linda Wagner, Pam Kline, Brittany Deiter, Karen Koppenhaver, Thomas Zepnikowski, Karen Wiest, Jim Wiest. Without all of you sharing in the week, VBS would not have been a success.

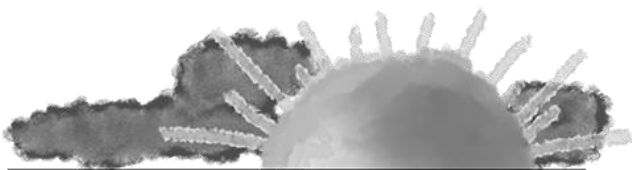


THANKS FOR

★ ATTENDING ★

VBS

We had a great time this year traveling through Egypt with our VBS kids! They learned about the story of Joseph, as well as some of the ways the Egyptians lived. It was an exciting week with lots to do! We even enjoyed some cooling games...WATER GAMES! Thank you to all the parents who brought their kids each night learn more of the wonderful way God blesses us! We had a total of 17 – Kleo Barr, Levi Deiter, Huck Hepler, Hunter Herring, Levi Kline, Peyton Kline, Ferris Lecates, Myles Schalles, Stella Schalles, Allistar Scholl, Elliot Scholl, Lucy Wagner, Willa Wagner, Luke Weaver, Makenna Wiest, Madison Wright, McKenna Wright. May our week of VBS be something each one will remember.



AUGUST MISSION OF THE MONTH



Backpacks for

Schuykill County Children and Youth

Children entering an out of home placement can often have a scary experience. Some have no belongings or anything to call their own and if they do, they are often dirty and in garbage bags. Something as little as them having their own **blanket, tooth brush, pajamas or personal care items** in their own bag could make significant difference.

A younger child they may enjoy a small toy, stuffed animal or craft.

Older children, a boy or a girl, may like a deodorant or a body spray.

These items will hopefully help a child feel more at home and in their adjustment to their new home.

Children's ages could be from infant to 17 years old.

Please label backpack for appropriate age.



It's time for another fall football season and our awesome outreach - 5th Quarter! We offer a safe space for fellowship as well as free pizza, snacks and drinks following the football game until 11:00pm. See Steve Reitz to donate snacks, drinks, or your time. Regular home games are on the following dates:

**August 22 / September 5 / September 19
October 3 / October 10**

(any additional home playoff games will be announced later):

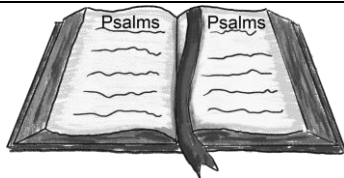
Wishing You a

**Happy
91st
Birthday!**



Willis Morgan 8/29

May God Bless you on your special day!



In August we will turn to the Book of Psalms. We will look at them in groups based on their themes. Which Psalms do you think fit into these categories? What do each say about our life long relationship with God? Dig into your Scripture and see what you discover!

August 3	Psalms of Lament
August 10	Psalms of Praise
August 17	Psalms of Thanksgiving
August 24	Psalms of Kingship & Covenant
August 31	Psalms of Trust



Tri-Valley Ministerium is hosting a Christian Movie Night at the Valley View Park.

Friday, August 15 at 8:15pm

The movie shown will be "**Soul Surfer**" the story of teenage competitive surfer, Bethany Hamilton, who courageously returns to the sport after losing an arm in a shark attack.

*Nursing Home – Group Home
Assisted Living – Rehab (family)*

**Randy Snyder
Vanessa Weaver**

Schuylkill Manor
1000 Schuylkill Manor Road
Pottsville PA 17901
Tillie Wolfgang

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, Dolores
Stutzman, Larry Wetzel**

Tremont Health & Rehab Center
44 Donaldson Road
Tremont, PA 17981
Roger Schwalm

Cedar Haven Healthcare Center
590 S. 5th Avenue
Lebanon, PA 17042
Sandy Bordlemay

Seton Manor
1000 Seton Drive
Orwigsburg, PA 17961
Nancy Klinger



**Sympathy & Prayers
for the Families of:**

John Bridge, Donnie Chubb, Donald Miller,
Phyllis Lane, Allen Rushmer



Chaplain Glenn R. Scheib
95-957 Wikao Street
Mililani, HI 96789

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OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

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A lasting promise



Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.



Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in  _____

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Find a letter that's in  but not in  _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in  _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in  _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV



JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 SUMMER Days		1	2 AC Servicing	3	4 <i>Happy 4th of July</i>	5
	6	7 9:30AM - 3:00PM GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP NO MEN'S CHORUS	8 9:30AM - 3:00PM GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP	9 9:30AM - 3:00PM GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP	10 9:30AM - 3:00PM GOOD NEWS DAY CAMP 10:00am – Sr. Citizens	11 Secretary Vacation
12 Secretary Vacation	13	14 6:15pm – Men's Chorus	15	16	17	18
19 Secretary Vacation	20 Secretary Vacation	21 NO MEN'S CHORUS	22	23	24 10:00am – Sr. Citizens	25
26 Secretary Vacation	27	28 NO MEN'S CHORUS	29 2:00pm -7:00pm BLOOD DRIVE	30	31	<i>By God's will I may come to you with joy and together with you be refreshed.</i> <i>Romans 15:32</i>

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

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AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 6:15pm – Men's Chorus	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 6:15pm – Men's Chorus	12	13	14 10:00am – Sr. Citizens	15 8:15pm Family Movie Night Valley View Park	16
17	18 NO MEN'S CHORUS	19 12:00pm – UWIF Picnic @ VV Park	20	21	22 5 th Quarter	23
24	25 NO MEN'S CHORUS	26	27	28 10:00am – Sr. Citizens	29	30
31	<i>Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6</i>					

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