

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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*We must be willing to let go of the life we
planned so as to have the life that is waiting for
us.*
Joseph Campbell

Change is in the air! Winter is giving way to
spring. Dark evenings are giving way to
increased sunlight. Another graduating class
is wrapping up their high school years. At
the church we are preparing to change from
one pastoral leader to another. Within our
church family there has been or will be a
wedding, a new baby, a baptism, and a
funeral. We are also saying farewell to
another Lenten season and a joyful Alleluia
to the season of Easter. Change is in the air!

Change is a part of life. Change means life.
Things that don't change are dead.

Sometimes we welcome change. Can we all
agree that we are excited for the change of
season?! I'm very excited for warmer days
and more sunshine! But, sometimes change
is painful and sad. What change has been
hard for you? Maybe the change from high
school to work or college... the change from
single to married... the change from married
to divorced or widowed... the change from a
house full of children to an empty nest.... the
change from working to retired.

The disciples had a whirlwind of emotion
during Holy Week - so many changes! Jesus
was alive, then he was dead, then he was
alive again. Nothing would ever be the
same! It's no wonder that the disciples who
were grieving and confused would go back
to fishing after the resurrection. They were
clinging to something familiar in the midst of
great change. And what does the scripture
tell us? Jesus met them on the beach. (John
21:1-17) Jesus meets us too in our
confusion and uncertainty and offers us
comfort and hope.

I hope that your eyes will be open and you
will be boldly facing into the future that is
unfolding. God has great hopes for us.
Change means life! Christ is alive! We are
alive! To God be the glory!

Happy Easter,
~Pastor Suzanne

APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH



Our mission of the month for April is the Independent Church In India (ICII). This is a new mission opportunity for St Andrew's and, perhaps, a new ministry for many of us. After some additional research and contacting the ICII, based in Fredericksburg, PA, I feel confident sharing this ministry opportunity with our congregation.

ICII International is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization whose focus is on empowering indigenous missionaries; establishing churches and home groups; distributing Bibles and Bible-based materials in native languages for discipleship; and showing the love of Christ through compassionate relief for the needy.

The Lebanon county-based ministry has been working in India since 2002 and in Kenya and Pakistan since 2012. ICII operates four (4) children's homes, a residence for leprosy victims, and Bible colleges in India and Pakistan. Their mission is to bring the gospel to those who have never heard about Jesus.

Part of the goal of ICII is to build relationship with local churches and to raise awareness of how the Gospel is spreading in South Asia and to present congregations the opportunity to get involved as individuals in global missions through their prayers and giving.

ICII has several missions to support, including supporting ICII orphanages in India, setting a family free from slavery in Pakistan, or providing funding for fish ponds in Kenya. The Council on Ministries has selected the orphanage in India for our mission of the month for April.

Very poor families are often forced into slavery due to a debt owed. If a parent(s) accept funds that cannot be repaid, the entire family is placed in slavery till the debt

is paid. This debt becomes generational, with the debt being passed from generation to generation, with no hope of being paid off.

ICII rescues these families by paying their debts. The children are placed in orphanages where they receive food, clothing and an education. Once at the orphanage, ICII seeks sponsors for the children to cover their expenses. The money we will be collecting will go towards supporting the orphanage and meeting the needs of children who are without sponsors.

You can find out more about ICII and the various ministries they carry out in India, Pakistan, and Kenya, by going to their website at: www.indchurch.org. Thank you for your participation in this mission of the month. Together we can make a difference in the lives of people who have no hope with the love of Jesus through ICII.

All offerings may be placed in the Mission of The Month container.



Holy Week Schedule

April 2 – 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday – St. Andrew's UMC, Worship with Holy Communion

April 3 – 12:15pm – Good Friday – Community Crosswalk

Starting & Ending at St. Andrew's UMC
7:00pm – Community Good Friday Service

Christ UCC, Fountain Pastor Michael Klahr

April 5 – *Easter Sunday* – St. Andrew's UMC

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

9:00am – Worship



**A lot can happen in
seven days!**



Our Youth have been enjoying a Bible study on Apologetics. The dates below are scheduled meetings. The time: Sundays, 4:00-5:30pm.

Sunday April 12 / Sunday April 19
Sunday April 26 / Sunday May 3
Sunday May 17

Ways you can SERVE

St Andrew's is putting together a group of individuals willing to transport people to Dr. appointments, grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. Please **contact Mary Ellen Klebe at 570-728-9155** if interested in helping meet this need.



The Youth Community Service Night is in need of a coordinator. If you are interested and would like more information, please **contact Pastor Suzanne.**



OFFICE HOURS

The secretary will be on vacation April 21-28. Please note the following change in office hours:

Thursday, 4/23 & Friday, 4/24
10:00am – 12:00pm.



May God Bless you on your special day



Happy 96th Birthday!
Forrest Herb
4/7/2026



Sunday, April 19, 2:00 pm
Begin & End at Trinity Lutheran
Rain or Shine

Sponsored by the Tri Valley Ministerium

Join with members of the community to raise money for Church World Service - CROP hunger relief ministry. We will walk from Trinity Lutheran west along Maple Street to the end of the street and back again. Approx. 2 miles of flat paved terrain.

You are welcome to walk or bike ride. Well behaved dogs are welcome to accompany their humans. Donations towards this ministry are welcomed whether or not you join the walk. Make checks payable to Tri Valley Ministerium. See Pastor Suzanne for further info.



BLOOD DRIVE

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026



1:00pm - 6:00pm

St. Andrew's UMC

Donor Promotion: Give blood 4/13-30 for \$15 e-gift card to merchant of choice.

See rcblood.org/hope.

Type O HIGH NEED! Only 7% of the population have O negative blood. Due to its versatility for transfusions, it is in high demand. In an emergency, it is the blood product of choice. Meeting the demand for O negative blood is always a priority for the Red Cross.

First Time Blood Donors: First Time Blood Donors are deeply valued in helping us continue our life saving mission! Come and Bring a Friend!





It has been just over a month since we entered into the Pastoral transition period at St Andrew's. As staff / parish chairperson, I want to keep all of you up to date on what is happening. One goal of the staff/parish committee is to assist everyone to through this transition period with a minimum amount of stress for all concerned. Good communication is a key component of that goal.

On March 2, 2026, the staff / parish committee met with our District Superintendent, our new Pastor and his wife, Megan. After touring the parsonage and church, we had an opportunity to be introduced and learn a little bit about each other.

Pastor Suzanne's final day of her appointment with St Andrew's will be June 30, 2026. However, the 2+ weeks prior to those dates will accommodate the moving out / in process, which is assigned through the district level.

After speaking with Pastor Suzanne, we have set the date of Sunday, May 31, 2026 at noon for a sending off gathering. This will give our congregation an opportunity to share how much she has meant to us, as well as the chance to wish her well and encourage her as she moves forward in her service to Christ. The gathering will be a meal, with meat and beverages provided, everyone is asked to bring a side or a dessert. There will also be time for us to share personal words of encouragement with Pastor Suzanne. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the fellowship hall closer to the date. Please mark your calendars now and plan to come together for

a time to celebrate Pastor Suzanne and to send her off with our love.

Pastor Andrew Burd-Harris and his wife, Megan will begin their time of service with St Andrew's on July 1, 2026. They will be coming from the Evangelical United Methodist Church, Middletown. There will be a time set for an opportunity to meet and greet Pastor Andrew and Megan at a date yet to be determined.

St Andrew's has formed a Transition Team to assist the incoming Pastor and congregation as we navigate this transition period and form new relationships. Our team consists of: Dan Wagner, Jeff Kline, Faye Koons, Holly Koppenhaver, Karen Koppenhaver and Mary Ellen Klebe. We will do our best to keep our congregation informed and moving forward as changes take place. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please talk to a member of the Transition Team. Our responsibilities will extend through the full 1st year of Pastor Andrew's appointment with us.

Please be in prayer for this time of change within our congregation, as well as for Pastor Suzanne and Pastor Andrew and Megan. Change can be difficult. But with prayer, and trusting that God is leading and guiding us, we can move forward in our service to Christ and each other.

Staff / Parish Chairperson,
Mary Ellen Klebe



LOOKING AHEAD



Summer Ignite – Christmas in July!

July 13, 14, 15 6:00-7:30pm

In place of a traditional VBS, join us for a summer session of Ignite.

Let's beat the summer heat with some winter themed fun & learning!

Job Opportunities

Lifeline Resource Center in Millersburg has two job openings. One Full-Time, Executive Director and one Part-Time (8-16 hrs./week), Office Administrator. For more information you may email: lucas.wickard@outlook.com



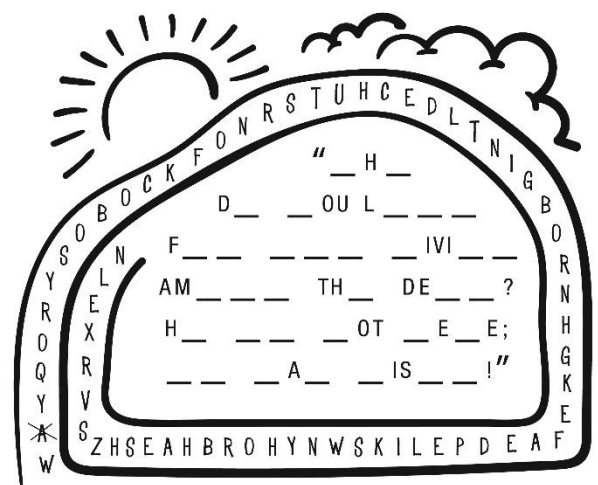
Spring time coloring page.



EASTER MORNING message

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

*Remembering the
Families of:*

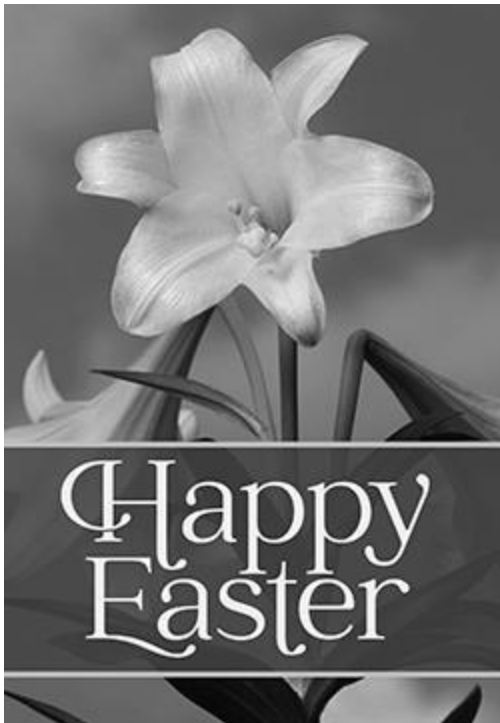
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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16</p>			1	2 7:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service	3 12:15pm – Crosswalk, St. Andrew’s 7:00pm – Community Good Friday Service, Christ UCC, Fountain	4 Wedding/ Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Rental
5 EASTER 6:30am – Sunrise Service	6	7	8	9 10:00am Sr. Citizens	10	11
12	13	14 6:00pm – Legion Meeting 6:30pm – Trustee Meeting 7:30pm – Ad Board Meeting	15	16	17	18 Fellowship Hall Rental
19	20	21 1:00pm - UWF	22	23 10:00am – 12:00pm – OFFICE HOURS 10:00am – Sr. Citizens	24 10:00am – 12:00pm – OFFICE HOURS	25
26	27 1:00pm – 6:00pm Blood Drive	28	29	30	<p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Christ Is Risen!</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">Alleluia</p>	

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/information



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