

**JUNE 2026**

# 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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*If you love me, you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you  
another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive,  
because it neither sees him nor knows him. You  
know him, because he abides with you, and he will  
be in you.* John 14:15-17 NRSV

Our final worship series together will focus on the Holy Spirit. By the time you read this newsletter, it will already be started! While we believe in a Trinitarian God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), we spend a lot more time learning about God and Jesus than we do the Holy Spirit. That's interesting, considering that the United Methodist logo is a cross and flame! The flame is a symbol of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In John 16, Jesus tells his followers that it is better that he goes away because once he's gone, the Advocate will come to be with them. There were only thirty-three short years of Jesus' presence in this world and now over 2000 years with the Holy Spirit. There is so much to learn about this presence of God in our midst!

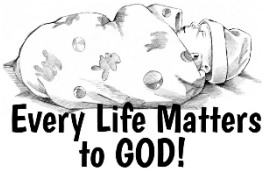
I wonder if we overlook the Holy Spirit because the topic makes us uncomfortable. In John 3:8 the Holy Spirit is compared to the wind which blows where it wills. We don't know where it comes from or where it goes. I suspect that we would like our God to be a bit more predictable! This wild and wonderful presence of God goes with us each day and binds us one to another. The Holy Spirit formed the Church on Pentecost. We are Holy Spirit people!

As we prepare to part, I am especially thankful for the gift of the Holy Spirit which will always hold us together. Hallelujah. Amen.

~Pastor Suzanne



# JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH JEWEL WOMEN'S CENTER



The Council of Ministries has selected Jewel Women's Center as our Mission of the Month for June. Jewel


Women's Center is a 501c-3, Christ-centered, life-affirming, unplanned pregnancy center in Sch. County; located at 103 E Main St, Sch. Haven.

Jewel strives to be the first trusted place for anyone facing a pregnancy decision, providing compassionate, faith-inspired care and support. Jewel offers pregnancy testing, ultrasound and parenting education, material assistance, and post abortion support. All services are confidential and free of charge. Jewel does not perform or refer for abortion.

This year, St Andrew's will be collecting items for the parenting program offered by Jewel. **Their current need is for diapers, sizes 4,5,6; diaper wipes; and new baby clothing up to size 4T.** There will be a collection bin available in the Fellowship Hall during the month of June. Any monetary donations will be forwarded to Jewel.

Jewel Women's Center is supported solely by individuals, businesses and churches. They receive no state or federal funding. Our support is critical in helping to meet their needs as they minister in the name of Jesus in Sch. County. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE UPDATES:**  
**April 27, 2026 Goal: 25 units**  
**37 heroes registered to give**  
**37 units of lifesaving blood were collected**  
**2 First Time Donors**  
**4 Power Red Units Collected**  
**Thank you to all who donated!**





Annual Conference – June 4-6  
 Community Arts Center, Williamsport  
 Karen Koppenhaver, Dan Wagner, and Pastor Suzanne will represent St. Andrew's at this year's Annual Conference session.



### Community Service Night

There were only three students and two adult volunteers at the Community Service Night on May 5. However, they accomplished a lot! They created a total of 103 kits for Caitlin's Smiles, a charity out of Harrisburg which distributes craft kits to kids in the hospital. Thanks to Holly Koppenhaver, Dan Wagner, and Karen Snyder for their time and donations. I'm thrilled to announce that this ministry will now be led by Ryan and Julie Wagner. Thank you to all of you for your support which brought my crazy idea to life! It has been a wonderful opportunity to interact with youth from our community. ~Pastor Suzanne

*Thanks So Much!*



Thanks to Jeff Kline and the Trustees for their time and energy to spruce up the parsonage. Thanks to Mary Ellen Klebe, the Transition Team, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee for their attention to all of the details that will make this transition successful for our leadership and entire congregation.



We are so proud of each of you!  
 May God Bless You  
 in All Your Future Endeavors.

Tri-Valley High School

- Harlie Buchanan
- Cash Lucas
- Avery Miller
- Owen Miller
- Mikade Mowery
- Kody Rebuck
- Elliot Stiely

The Pritzger College of Molecular Engineering @ University of Chicago

Kaitlyn Adams – Master’s Degree

Coastal Carolina University, SC

Imani Grimm – Bachelor’s Degree – Marine Science/Minor – Biology

Abvernia College

Kelly Mattern – BA – Health Science

Wilkes University

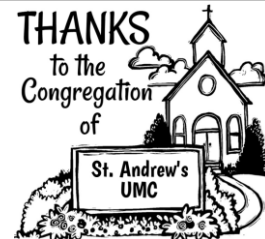
Casey McNally – Bachelor of Science



Pastor Suzanne's Time of Transition  
 The month of June will bring the transition of pastoral leadership. Here are some key dates:

- \*May 31 - Farewell gathering to celebrate Pastor Suzanne's ministry
- \*June 21 - Pastor Suzanne's last Sunday in worship
- \*June 22 - Pastor Suzanne's moving day
- \*June 23-30 - Pastor Suzanne on vacation\*\*\*
- \*June 26 - Pastor Andrew & Megan move to Valley View
- \*July 1 - Pastor Andrew officially begins ministry at St. Andrew's

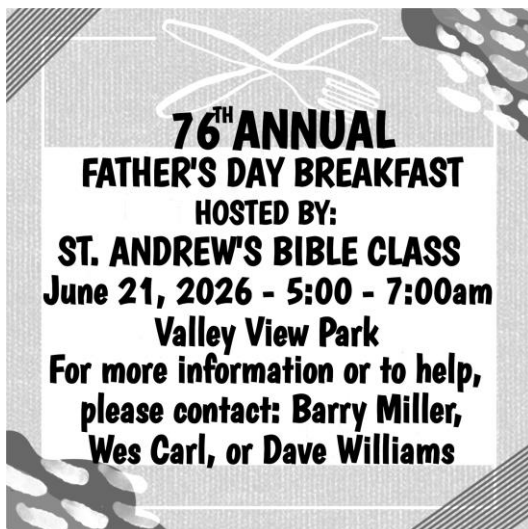
\*\*\*Between June 23 – 30 any pastoral emergencies or funerals may be cared for by **Rev. Ray Holland. He can be contacted at 570-452-0050.**



**A Word of Thanks from Our Family to Yours**

Thank you to all of you who have made the past five years of ministry a true joy. This is a wonderful congregation to be in ministry with. You are committed, faithful, and willing to try new things. We fit together so well that all of us have flourished! I praise God continually for bringing us together! These years have brought lots of change to our family. We lost both of our pets. Laurie graduated from college and got engaged. Emily got married. Rick had five major surgeries. You've prayed for us and walked with us. Even though we are taking different paths, we will always be bound together by our mutual love of Jesus Christ. I'm so grateful for our time together. I will pray for God to move you forward in mighty ways!  
 Many Blessings,

*Pastor Suzanne, Rick, and Laurie*



# UPDATE ON TRANSITION

The month of June will be a very busy time for Pastor Suzanne and Pastor Andrew as both will be packing and preparing for their respective moves. For anyone who has moved, you know this can be a very stressful time! Please keep both Pastors in your prayers for everything to go smoothly as they relocate.

Pastor Suzanne's final service with St Andrew's will be Sunday, June 21, 2026, with her move out date as Monday, June 22, 2026. These last few weeks will be our final opportunity to let Pastor Suzanne know how much she has meant to all of us. Let's do our best to send her off filled up with our love and prayers.

Pastor Andrew's move in date is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 2026. This gives the Trustees a few days to ensure the parsonage is cleaned, repaired and ready for our new Pastor and his wife. We are asking for someone willing to supply a simple drop-off meal for Pastor Andrew and Megan on Friday, June 26. Moving is a time consuming, tiring process; to have a meal provided would be a blessing for our new Pastor! Please let Mary Ellen Klebe know if you are willing to provide this meal for them. Again, it would simply be dropped off for them to enjoy at their convenience.

Our Trustees have been busy painting, cleaning out and making any needed repairs to the parsonage. Jeff Kline has done an amazing job of keeping everything moving along and coordinating everything that needed to be done. Thank you, Jeff. We would be lost without you!!! If anyone is interested in helping during the few days between Pastor Suzanne moving out and Pastor Andrew moving in, please contact Jeff Kline. He'll get you put to work if there is anything needing to be done!

The Transition Team is working to ensure the transition period is as stress free as

possible for both Pastors as well as for St Andrew's congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped to make our celebration for Pastor Suzanne a success! It is such a blessing to know there are so many willing individuals to make things so special for others! Thank you all again! Thank you to Kathy Miller for hosting both Pastors on 5/12 while Pastor Andrew was spending the day in the valley. All these opportunities for service are a part of belonging to a family of faith! St Andrew's is blessed!

There will be an opportunity to join together to welcome Pastor Andrew and Megan to St Andrew's. A Welcome Reception will be held to give our congregation the opportunity to meet and get to know Pastor Andrew and Megan on a more personal level. That date is yet to be determined. It is also suggested in our Transition Guidelines that we set up small, informal meetings with Pastor Andrew and Megan in our homes with 6-10 people gathered to meet with them in a relaxed environment. If you are interested in hosting a 'get to know you better' meeting, please let Mary Ellen Klebe know. We can then coordinate with Pastor Andrew to get those set up.

Let's do all we can to ensure Pastor Andrew and Megan receive an open, loving reception to St Andrew's and to the community. For all of us who have moved into a completely new area, we know firsthand that it can be difficult, stressful, and daunting to meet new people and to get established. Keep Pastor Andrew, Megan and all of us at St Andrew's in your prayers for this transition period.

## 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.



May 2026

Dear partners in Mission and Ministry Partners,

Grace and peace in Christ be with you.

As we are preparing to gather for the Susquehanna Annual Conference in Williamsport, I want to celebrate and thank you for fulfilling **100% of your Shares of Ministry commitment for 2025**. Your congregation's sacrificial generosity is a powerful witness to your love for Christ and Christ's Church.

Your faithful stewardship strengthens our shared mission—here in the Susquehanna Conference, across the United States, and throughout the global United Methodist connection. Because of your giving, lives are being touched, leaders are being equipped, congregations are being supported, and communities around the world are experiencing the hope and healing of Christ.

I thank God for you. Your partnership with other congregations is a testimony to your deep commitment to Christ's mission and to the flourishing of the Church everywhere.

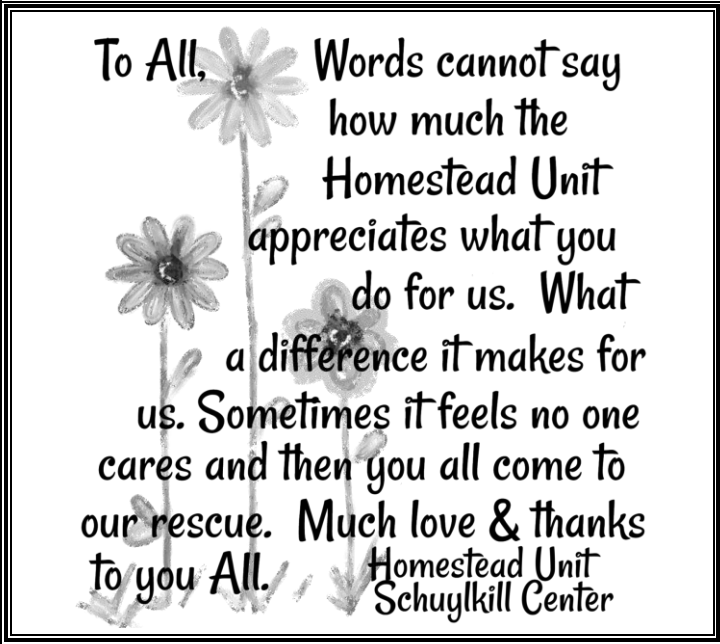
Please share this letter with your congregation and ministry teams.

With gratefulness,

**Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez**

Susquehanna & Upper New York Area

The United Methodist Church



To our dear friends at St. Andrew' UMC,

Greetings to all, in the name of our precious Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Please accept our deepest thanks and appreciation for your love gift of \$466 for Independent Church in India's orphanages. It will be a great blessing to help us in caring for our precious children at the orphanages.

Our desire is to build a relationship with your church, and to encourage everyone about the importance of missions around the globe. We would be happy to visit the church and share with the congregation about the exciting things that the Lord is doing in all three nations where He has placed us,

We are so blessed that God has brought us together in service to Him, and that as partners, we can reach many lost souls. Thanks again, and may God richly bless you!

Reaching the Unreached in India, Pakistan, & Kenya,

Lowell K. Smith  
Executive Director

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Vanessa Weaver**

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Larry Wetzel**

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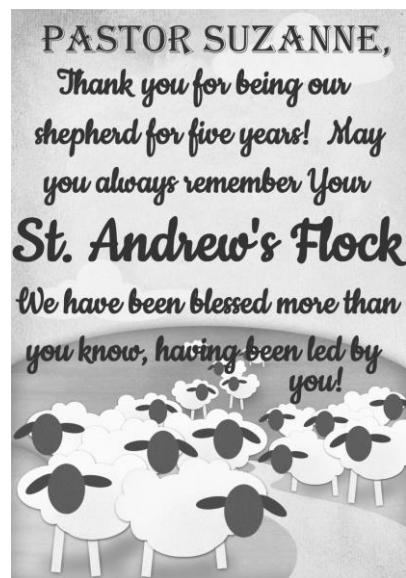
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*May God Bless you as you continue your  
journey He has planned for you.*



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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>
	1	2 Regular Office Hours	3 10:00am – 12:00pm <u>Office Hours</u>  Fellowship Hall/Narthex - Carpet Cleaning - All Day	4 Annual Conference  <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	5 Annual Conference	6 Annual Conference
7	8	9 6:30pm – Trustees 7:30pm – Ad Board	10	11 10:00am – Sr. Citizens	12	13
14	15	16 1:00pm - UWF	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Father's Day</i> 5:00 – 7:00 Father's Day Breakfast  Pastor Suzanne's Last Message	22 Pastor Suzanne Moves & Vacation	23	24	25 Sr. Citizens Picnic at Valley View Park	26 Pastor Andrew and Megan move in to Parsonage	27
28	29	30	27			

**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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