

CROSS ROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2011

“Called by Christ to bring others into the nets of God’s love”

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

I have been wondering lately about why people should go to church. The answer is not easy for me to discover. I became a Christian at WVU when I was nineteen years old. From that moment on, I have been a faithful church attendee. I would even go so far as to say that I LOVE church. I love the music, I love the prayers, I love the people - everything about it is enjoyable to me. Alas, I recognize that I am in the small minority of people in this country. Other people can think of a hundred things they would rather do than go to church - sleep might even win!

I hear from many non-attendees that church is not relevant. That comment saddens me because underneath it is the concept that God is not relevant. Imagine that! The Creator and Sustainer of everything being irrelevant! I look at a society that believes God is not relevant and see the issues we are facing and realize that we suffer the consequences for making God irrelevant. Without His moral compass and guidance, we are losing respect for others, understanding of true love, integrity, and commitment. Perhaps the church has in the past failed to speak God’s truths appropriately to people. I have to believe that people see God as irrelevant not because of His failures, but because of ours. Can we reverse this trend?

For my part, I attempt to make my sermons relevant to everyone. This task is daunting to me because we have such a variety of people. I desperately desire for God to speak through me because I fully understand that is the only way everyone can be fed what they need. I always appreciate feedback and try to use feedback in the future. Mike Nakonechny (named used with permission) frequently asks me for more info or gives me input as to different ways I could word things. I love it! He keeps me focused and I am sure his input has benefited all of you.

Talking with Adam, we continue to seek new songs, styles, and ideas to drive the Celebration (contemporary) Service into relevance. Being more music and praise focused, it is vital that we work hard to ensure it speaks to the people. Once again, we are open to suggestions. We have already added/restored elements at the request of individuals within the congregation.

In the Traditional Service, I work to ensure that the entire service proclaims a unified message. If you pay close enough attention, you will notice that the Call to Worship comes from a Psalm with elements of the day’s message. The hymns and congregational prayer reflect that same message. I hope that the message pervades the entirety of the service so that people will be touched by God.

Hebrews 10:25 reminds us that we need to meet together in order to encourage and uplift. Church is relevant. It is here that we meet God together and ask the author and perfecter of our faith to lead us so that our lives would glorify our creator. It is here that we rejoice in the tremendous grace and love of Jesus Christ. It is here that we learn how God can be a part of our daily lives.

The Rev. Robb E. Faller

St. Andrew United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule

Celebration Service: 9:00 AM

We offer Crib Nursery, PreK Nursery, and Adult Sunday School Classes: Henry Ziegler in Fellowship Hall, Owen Allen in Library

Traditional Service: 10:30 AM

We offer Crib Nursery, Pre-K Nursery, Sunday School classes for grades K-3rd, 4th-6th, Junior and Senior High, College Age Sunday School beginning June 5th and Adult Sunday School Class in Library with Jim Good

Church Staff

Pastor.....Rev. Robb Faller (c 484.686.1778)

Pastor Emeritus.....Rev. Kenneth Kline

Youth Director.....Adam Deering

Adult Choir Directors.....Rob Cavett & Connie Sithens

Administrative AssistantMary L. Cantlin

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Improvement Envelopes</u>	<u>Current Envelopes</u>	<u>Church Plate</u>	<u>Church School</u>
May 1	252.00	5,630.00	75.00	28.25
May 8	242.00	3,305.00	210.86	23.00
May 15	182.00	3,935.60	90.00	11.75
May 22	354.00	3,169.00	74.00	25.00
May 29	162.00	4,085.40	85.00	10.00
Total Received Y-T-D as of 5/31/11	5,490.00	88,046.05	2,243.15	444.21
Total Received Y-T-D as of 5/31/10	6,521.50	87,507.50	2,469.53	517.19

Total year-to-date expenses paid from General Fund are \$78,494.31. As a reminder, if you would like any portion of your offering to be used for improvements to the church building, please indicate that amount on the front of your offering envelope.

Worship Helpers

GREETERS

Date	Celebration Service at 9:00 am	Traditional Service at 10:30 am
July 3 rd	Laverne & Joan Maute Susan Welsh Linda Drabinsky	Mary Fox Rose German Lester & Donna Heft
July 10 th	Gary & Mary Ann Hart Denise Kuder & Daughters Bill & Delores Evens	Betty Graham Joan Herbst & John Heydt Jean Kemp
July 17 th	The Purnell Family Jim & Shari Good Debra Gilbert	Bette Cooper Glenn & Janice Hull Dave & Sue McElwee
July 24 th	The Egbert Family Muriel Fisher Cheryl Neiman	Marion Bartman Tracy & Jane Donmoyer Harry & Linda Mohr
July 31 st	Warren & Linda Moser Mike Nakonechny Anita Church	Debbie Patt P.J. Long Pat Cavanaugh

Note: The July 31st Traditional Service will be held at the pavilion.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Date	Head Usher	Liturgist
July 3 rd	Amy Babb	Chuck Kleinhenn
July 10 th	Jim McClure	Brian Shorley
July 17 th	Debbie Patt	Harry Mohr
July 24 th	Nathan Babb	Owen Allen
July 31 st	Robert Moyer	Linda Moser

NURSERY CARE

Date	Celebration Service at 9:00 am	Traditional Service at 10:30 am
July 3 rd	Lori DiMaio	Becca Riefenstahl
July 10 th	Linda Clancy & Chris Gresh	Jim & Shari Good
July 17 th	Angie Andrews & Ashley Egbert	Bonne Riefenstahl
July 24 th	Warren & Linda Moser	Beth Rosenberger & Jen Werkheiser
July 31 st	Chris Gresh	Open

ALTAR FLOWERS

Date	
July 3 rd	Presented in Memory of Howard Specht (Dad) by Phyllis & Bobby Minner
July 10 th	Presented in Memory of Jonathan March by the March family
July 17 th	Presented in Celebration of Phyllis and Bobby Minner's 52 nd Anniversary on July 18 th
July 24 th	Presented in Memory of Ryan Blair by Sharon Blair Presented in Celebration of Don and Mary Ann Reigel's Anniversary
July 31 st	Open



Date	Name	Date	Name
July 1	Isabelle Fisher Madison Mahlendorf Edith Moyer Edie Scherer	July 17	Drew Dugan Delaney Dugan
July 4	Kenneth Kline Linda Mohr	July 18	Gregg Kuder
July 6	Melissa Brown Timothy II Clancy Lindsay McClure	July 19	Marsha Bartholomew McKenna Ditty
July 7	Ian Kohler	July 20	Stephen Dziura
July 8	Denise Kuder	July 22	Ronald Moyer
July 9	Donald Reigel John Stauffer	July 24	Brenda Grey Laverne Maute
July 10	Paul Bancroft	July 25	Jennifer Ewing Xander Johnson
July 13	Tori Weisel	July 26	Jaime McElwee Donna Werkheiser
July 14	Dot Cross	July 28	James McGonigle
July 16	Miriam Bartow Drew McGonigle Robert Moyer Nancy Webb	July 30	Matthew Anderson Sandra Bancroft Ruth Weller



Date	Couple
July 2	Kevin & Sharon Blair
July 4	Peter & Marbie Foster
July 10	David & Michelle Crawford
July 13	Gregg & Becca Riefenstahl
July 18	Bobby & Phyllis Minner
July 19	Harry & Linda Mohr
July 20	Dave & Sue McElwee
July 21	Andy & Sarah McClure
July 22	Don & Mary Ann Reigel Terry & Pam Hewitt
July 23	Tony & Diane Yusko
July 24	Ronald & Doris Pelko Charles & Sharman Kleinhenn
July 24	Nathan & Amy Babb
July 25	Aime & Jeffrey Davies
July 31	James & Debra McGonigle Ryan & Dawn Fox

***Please remember the following members who are unable to attend services
in your prayers...***

Pam Hudelson
107 E. Fifth Street
Apartment #208
Red Hill, PA 18076

Ginny McKinstry
P.O. Box 113
New Berlinville, PA 19545

Robert Preudhomme
124 Harry Howard Blvd.
Hudson, NY 12534

June Hoffman
Box 498
Aspen Village
Frederick, PA 19435

Marietta Stahl
2917 E. High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

Eleanor Bissinger
600 W. Valley Forge Rd.
Manor Care, Room 324A
King of Prussia, PA 19406

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF ST. ANDREW

Please add our newest members to your church directory:

Sandie Baker – 2727 North Charlotte St., Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Ryan and Amanda Bilger – 226 Buckhead Lane, Douglassville, PA 19518

Denise Faller – 900 W. Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401

Virginia Korszniak – 845 Eichele Road, Perkiomenville, PA 18074

Pat, Tasha, and Nick Miller – 366 Old Philadelphia Pike, Douglassville, PA 19518

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The members of our youth program have been busy the past month preparing for the Schuylkill County Mission Trip beginning June 26th to July 1st. We began with a car wash which raised nearly \$500 for the trip! The weather was beautiful and everyone worked hard to get the many vehicles squeaky clean. The car wash funds were supplemented by those from the Snip ‘n’ Clip event where Pastor Robb received a new hairstyle. Adam did not lose much hair that day, but should be sporting a new hair and beard style just in time for the mission trip.

The seniors have also graduated. They will be greatly missed as they leave the youth program. The leaders would like to thank all of the seniors for their years of dedication and service to the youth program. Good luck to all of you as you take your next big step!

This coming month our youth will be assisting with VBS from July 11th to the 15th. The 8th through 12th grade members will be traveling to Harvey Cedars Bible Camp from July 25th to the 30th for a week of fellowship. The 7th grade youth members will also enjoy a trip to Harvey Cedars from August 1st through the 6th.

INK CARTRIDGE AND CELL PHONE RECYCLING

Please continue to support the youth and help clean up the environment by recycling your used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Look for the boxes in the Welcome Center under the bulletin board. All money raised will go to benefit Youth Missions. Thank you for supporting our youth!

*******PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE*******

Pre-school Sunday school is suspended for the summer. We will restart on September 4, 2011. Infant and Pre-K childcare is available during both worship services. Also, more help is needed. Anyone interested in becoming involved in this ministry is encouraged to contact Beth Rosenberger.

SERVANT KEEPER

If you have not filled out a Servant Keeper form please pick one up on the way into the Sanctuary and return the completed form to the church office. Thank you for helping us update our records!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. It is the leading body of St. Andrew UMC. Their meetings are open to the entire church, but only council members can vote. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the meeting minutes are available upon request.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

HELP WANTED:

**THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE IS IN NEED OF A FEW GOOD PEOPLE!
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

Help us as we plan upcoming fellowship events for our church family. As we meet only a few times a year, this committee is perfect for anyone who is looking for an area to get involved but cannot commit to a large amount of time. Anyone is welcome. Our next meeting will be held Monday, July 18th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Linda Clancy at 610-754-8826 for more information.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:

Rally Day Picnic - Sunday, September 11th

Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 29th

Christmas Caroling - December - Date to be determined

New Years Eve Party - Saturday, December 31st - Game Night concluding with midnight watch service

WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women of Faith "Imagine" tour will be in Philadelphia September 9th and 10th and tickets are available! Ticket price is \$89.00 for both Friday and Saturday, plus gas and parking. Ticket includes a boxed lunch for both days. Look for more upcoming information! To purchase a ticket, contact Lisa Scardino at 610-906-2357 or email at Lisaray@dejazzd.com.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Group will not meet during July and August. Marilyn Rhoads will be available on the third Wednesdays (July 20th and August 17th) from 7:00-8:30 PM for anyone needing yarn. Anyone wishing to come at this time may do so. At any other time, contact Marilyn Rhoads. If wishing to knit over the summer, we will be making baby blankets for Genesis Pregnancy Center in Pottstown and baby hats and dolls for children orphaned by AIDS in Africa. Have a nice summer!

SCRIPTURE SCRAPBOOKERS

Scripture Scrapbookers will meet in Fellowship Hall on July 20th at 7:00 PM. It will be brought to you by the letter "I." Please bring a snack beginning with "I," your own beverage, and a project to work on. "I"nvite a friend to come with you.

MISSION MOMENTS

BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE AND SALVATION ARMY

We continue to collect items for the Boyertown Multi-Service and the Salvation Army. The following items are being collected for these organizations which provide for our community – shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, individual toilet paper rolls, and canned goods.

SALVATION ARMY

Each month we meet at the Salvation Army to prepare lunch. The next date to help is Friday, July 8th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Helping hands are needed to provide this community service. Please call Marilyn Rhoads at 610-367-9881 if you are interested in helping.

*******VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *******

Volunteers are still needed for our BIG APPLE ADVENTURE July 11th – July 15th. Listed below are positions that need to be filled to make this happen:

- **Bible Rotation Leader**
- **Game Rotation Leader**
- **Adult Crew Leaders**
- **Preschool Helpers**
- **Youth Crew Leaders**

ST. ANDREW MEN

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

The St. Andrew Men will meet on Sunday, July 3rd at 7:30 am at Woodside Villa. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

ST. ANDREW WOMEN

Operation Christmas Child

In just three months - October - Saint Andrew Women will be inviting you to again join us in participating in Operation Christmas Child.

For those of you not familiar with this program, you simply fill a shoe box with items for a child, from two to fourteen years of age. A spiritual, age appropriate message will be added to each box and then shipped to needy children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child's Mission is *"to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ."*

We are letting you know about this in July so you can take advantage of items on sale or clearance as well as the back-to-school sales in August and early September. (For example, last year some people had difficulty finding flip-flops in stores in the Fall.) Also, please save your shoe boxes. Thank you.

Questions or comments? Contact Edie Scherer at 610.754.7793 or ediehans@dejazzd.com

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the support and love you provided in the weeks since the death of our wife and mother Gail Ziegler. You provided prayer support and encouraged us through your cards, emails, calls, meals, hugs and prayer shawls. We appreciate everyone who was present and assisted in various ways at Gail's funeral service.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time. We are truly blessed to call you friends, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely,

Henry Ziegler and Christina Alderfer and family

ST. ANDREW SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Come support our team! All games begin at 5:30 pm.

July 3rd – No Game
July 10th – Bechtelsville Park
July 17th – Bechtelsville Park
July 24th – Bechtelsville Park
July 31st – Manderach Park in Limerick

What's Happening in July?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Men's Breakfast Woodside 7:30 AM	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7	8 Serving Lunch at Salvation Army 10 AM -2 PM	9
10	11 4-H Meeting 6:30-8:30 PM VBS 9-12	12 VBS 9-12	13 VBS 9-12	14 VBS 9-12	15 VBS 9-12	16
17	18 Fellowship Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20 Scripture Scrapbookers 7:00 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Church Council 7:00 PM	28	29	30
31 10:30 Worship at the Pavilion	Notes: Pastor Robb will be on vacation July 11th through July 17th Senior High students will attend Harvey Cedars Bible Camp July 25-July 30					