

# CROSS ROADS

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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2011

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

*“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”  
1 Corinthians 11: 1*

Most Christians have a tendency to tell people to look at Christ, not themselves. Paul writes that we should look at him (Paul), because he is a model of Christ. Paul’s “self” is not as significant as Christ is in his life. As Christians, this should be true of all of us. Our focus should not be on ourselves, but on Christ within us. On the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), Jesus comes and pours the Holy Spirit into His disciples. It is at this moment that their lives are transformed. Even though they had already believed in Christ, it is only with the power of the Holy Spirit that they went out and served God. They were powerless until God’s own Spirit breathed within them. It is with this very same Spirit that empowers Paul to say that we should imitate him- not because of his own abilities or worth, but because Christ lives within him!

It is a difficult concept to grasp. Can we really believe that God would come to live within us? Clearly, Scripture supports this notion. Jesus says that he will not leave us orphaned (John 14), but the Holy Spirit would come to guide us and teach us. This same Spirit would intercede for us when we do not know how to pray (Romans 8). The Gospel message is simple and powerful - you have been forgiven because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ! The power of the message, however, is in the offer of the Spirit of God into our lives. Yes, there can be no doubt that God desires to live within us.

In spite of the Scriptural realities, it seems Christians hesitate to accept this reality. Perhaps we do not feel worthy of God’s presence, but Christ has made you worthy! Perhaps we are afraid of not being in control, but it is better that the One who controls everything is at the lead. Regardless of our reasons, Christians need to seek God’s presence within themselves so that they can bring His presence into a hurt and dying world. We need the Holy Spirit in order to live holy lives.

What does this look like? How do we identify the Spirit’s work? During the month of August, we will be looking into this during our worship services. We will walk together to discover God’s desire to dwell within us. We will trust that His Spirit is wonderful enough to change our lives. It is a vital part of our faith. It is the powerful part of our faith. Let us be filled with this power together.

*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 (*September through May*):  
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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Assistant .....Mary L. Cantlin

## **Treasurer's Report**

	<u>Improvement Envelopes</u>	<u>Current Envelopes</u>	<u>Church Plate</u>	<u>Church School</u>
June 5	127.00	3,603.00	105.00	24.00
June 12	207.00	2,468.00	116.00	
June 19	272.00	4,087.80	90.00	
June 26	202.00	2,668.00	81.00	
Total Received Y-T-D as of 6/30/11	6,298.00	100,872.85	2,635.15	468.21
Total Received Y-T-D as of 6/30/10	7,603.50	101,068.25	2,905.62	517.19

Year to date expenses paid at 6/30/2011 were \$104,186.00. 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*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Celebration Service at 9:00 am</b>	<b>Traditional Service at 10:30 am</b>
<b>August 7</b>	Jim & Bonne Riefenstahl Susan Welsh Bill & Delores Evens	Don & Mary Ann Reigel Betty Price Nancy Renninger
<b>August 14</b>	Gary & Mary Ann Hart Denise Kuder & Daughters Tim & Linda Clancy	Calvin & Dot Cross Arlene Robertson Mary Frain
<b>August 21</b>	The Purnell Family Jim & Shari Good Scott & Mary Cantlin	Bette Cooper Hans & Edie Scherer Mary Bartholomew
<b>August 28</b>	The Egbert Family Anita Church Warren & Linda Moser	Tracy & Jane Donmoyer Marion Bartman Mary Price

**Note: The August 28th Traditional Service will be held at the pavilion.**

## *TRADITIONAL SERVICE*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>August 7</b>	Bill Evens	Debbie Patt
<b>August 14</b>	Amy Babb	Henry Ziegler
<b>August 21</b>	Jim McClure	Nancy Renninger
<b>August 28</b>	Debbie Patt	Warren Moser

## *NURSERY CARE*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Celebration Service</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b>
<b>August 7</b>	Lori DiMaio	Becca Riefenstahl
<b>August 14</b>	Linda Clancy	Jane & Tracy Donmoyer
<b>August 21</b>	Linda Drabinsky	Bonne Riefenstahl
<b>August 28</b>	Barb Dziura	Beth Rosenberger

## *SOUND BOARD & VIDEO*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Celebration Service</b>	
	<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Video</b>
<b>August 7</b>	John Stauffer	Mary Ann Stauffer
<b>August 14</b>	Mario Leone	Tracy Donmoyer
<b>August 21</b>	Tim Clancy, Sr.	Open
<b>August 28</b>	Jen Ewing	Youth

<b>Traditional Service</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Sound Board</b>
<b>August 7</b>	Open
<b>August 14</b>	Mario Leone
<b>August 21</b>	Sonne Shorley
<b>August 28</b>	Jim McClure

## *ALTAR FLOWERS*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>August 7</b>	Presented by Charlie & Peggy Baer in Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary
<b>August 14</b>	Presented by Warren & Linda Moser in Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary
<b>August 21</b>	Open
<b>August 28</b>	Open



<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
August 2	Carl Kleinhenn	August 18	Tracy Donmoyer
	Andrew Moyer	August 19	Joan Maute
August 3	Amanda Baer		Tammy Purnell
August 6	Emma Gresh	August 20	Hans Scherer
August 9	Dave Dierolf	August 21	Kevin Blair
	Travis Kreitz		Pete Retzlaff
August 10	Cindy Mefferd	August 22	Sue McElwee
	Richard Rhoads	August 23	Mary Stauffer
August 12	Fay Ludy	August 25	Chuck Sithens
	Brian Shorley		
August 13	Dawn Fox	August 26	Kathleen Mentzer
	Debra Gilbert	August 27	Marion Bartman
	Tyler Kreitz		Jim Good
August 14	Matthew Purnell	August 29	Tommy Schott
	Rob Rosenberger		
August 16	Martin Dziurz		
	Jen Werkheiser		



<b>Date</b>	<b>Couple</b>
August 6	John & Sherry Bartman
August 9	Mark & Lori Egbert
August 10	Gregg & Kathy Herb
August 11	Charlie & Peggy Baer
	Scott & Mary Cantlin
August 14	Kurt & Nicki Habecker
August 15	Jim & Bonne Riefenstahl
August 16	Ronald & Shirley Moyer
August 18	Warren & Linda Moser
August 24	Richard & Fay Ludy
August 27	Michael & Kathy Miller

## *from our Youth Director*

<sup>5</sup> *He told them, “Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the LORD your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>6</sup> We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> Then you can tell them, ‘They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD’s Covenant went across.’ These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.” Joshua 4:5-7 NLT*

Summer is a crazy time for youth ministries all around the world and a time of mountaintop experiences for its students. While on our mission trip to Schuylkill County in June, I encouraged the students to somehow construct a memorial as in the passage above that would help remind them of what God had done in their lives during that week. After we returned, I continued thinking about that passage and the importance of creating something that will help remind us of our mountain top experiences when we are in the valley and I came to the conclusion that I left out a critical part of that story. Creating the memorial alone is not enough, we must also share what God did for us or else we will forget about the meaning and significance behind the memorial we created. While on a mission trip in college, I was impacted by a speaker who encouraged us to look at how our comfort was hindering our ability to effectively reach as many people as we could for Christ. I remember he played the scene from the end of *Shindler’s List*, the part where he realizes that he could have saved more people if he had just sold some more of his possessions. Once I returned from that trip, I wanted to do something that would remind me that my comfort was not greater than my call to minister to people in the name of Jesus. Being the creative guy that I am (insert sarcastic laugh’s here) I decided that I was going to grow a beard. After all, the mission trip I was on was to Toronto Canada and when you think of your typical Canadian male you assume they have a beard. So that was my brilliant plan to remind myself of what I had learned. The only problem is that I see myself every day and eventually I became accustomed to the beard on my face and it began to lose its meaning, because I was not telling people about how God had spoke to me and about why I had a beard in the first place.

I would like to encourage all of you that as you experience God that you would do something to remind yourself of your encounter with him, and to share that with others. Nothing in our faith sparks more excitement and encouragement than hearing from fellow believers how God has moved in their lives. You never know how your story may impact someone who hears it.

*Adam*

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

**Pam Hudelson**  
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Apartment #208  
Red Hill, PA 18076

**June Hoffman**  
Box 498  
Aspen Village  
Frederick, PA 19435

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

**Marietta Stahl**  
2917 E. High Street  
Pottstown, PA 19464

**Robert Preudhomme**  
124 Harry Howard Blvd.  
Hudson, NY 12534

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

**\*\*\*\*\*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.

**YOUTH GROUP NEWS**

**INK CARTRIDGE AND CELL PHONE RECYLING**

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. All money raised will go to benefit Youth Missions. Thank you for supporting our youth!

**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!

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE RALLY DAY PICNIC SEPTEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> AFTER THE TRADITIONAL SERVICE.

This year's theme is "All American" and will feature a contest for the best dessert featuring apples! Sign-up sheets will be posted starting August 21<sup>st</sup> for the following:

1. Sign up for the picnic – number of people attending and what dish you will provide
2. Entrants for the apple dessert contest
3. People willing to lend outdoor games for the event

We are looking for volunteers to help set up before the picnic, help supervise games, and to lend outdoor games such as a bean bag toss, ladder golf, volleyball net, etc.

Please attend our next meeting, Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 AM service, if you are able to help. Any questions, contact Linda Clancy at 610-754-8826.

## 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.

## WOMEN OF FAITH

The Women of Faith "Imagine" tour will be in Philadelphia September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Lisaray@dejazzd.com).

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Group will not meet during the month of August. Marilyn Rhoads will be available on the third Wednesday (August 17<sup>th</sup>) 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 August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. It will be brought to you by the letter "J." Please bring a snack beginning with "J," your own beverage, and a project to work on. "J"ust come along with a friend.

## MISSION MOMENTS

### BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE AND SALVATION ARMY

The following items are being collected for Boyertown Area Multi Service and Salvation Army: shampoo, toothpaste, bar soap, and individual toilet paper rolls. Please help provide for those in need within our community.

### SALVATION ARMY

Join us in preparing lunch at the Salvation Army on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Help us provide this community service. Please call Marilyn Rhoads at 610-367-9881 if you are interested in helping.

### NEPAL UPDATE

Dr. Mark and Deirdre Zimmerman have continued to be very busy in Nepal. Mark continues to work with Nick Simon's Institute in Kathmandu helping to build new remote hospitals in the countryside and training health workers to work in areas where there are no doctors. This year marks the celebration of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the institute. Please pray for:

- A new program that trains nurses to give anesthesia where no doctor is available.
- Three (3) new remote hospitals. Dr. Mark has been traveling recently to determine the locations of these hospitals, and they hope to start construction soon.

Deirdre continues to work with health and nutrition programs for people living in a slum in Kathmandu. She is happy to report that a new experienced urban health worker has joined them allowing them to reach more of the poorest and most marginalized people in the slum. Also, they are expanding the program into a second slum. Please pray for:

- Funding of these programs.
- New, creative ideas to reach more people who need help.

### CHILDREN OF GUATEMALA

A special thanks to all the children who attended VBS and their families who supported this year's mission project. We got lots of school supplies for children in Guatemala including backpacks, notebooks, pencils, scissors and rulers. It is anticipated that the supplies will make it down to Guatemala sometime in September with the help of a group that will be traveling there. Thank you as well for the funds that were collected to support the education of our students in Coatepeque, Guatemala. At this point we are right on track for raising funds and expect to be able to continue supporting all of our students for the coming school year. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

## ST. ANDREW MEN

The St. Andrew Men will hold their monthly breakfast on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at the Woodside Villa beginning at 7:30 AM. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

## ST. ANDREW WOMEN

*Just a gentle reminder.....*This October, you'll be invited to join the Saint Andrew Women by participating in Operation Christmas Child. If you're so inclined, keep an eye out for those summer clearance and back to school sales. More detailed information will be available in September. If you have any questions, please contact Edie Scherer at 610-754-7793 or [ediehans@windstream.net](mailto:ediehans@windstream.net).

## ST. ANDREW SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Our last game will be held August 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a home game at Bechtelsville Park beginning at 5:30 PM. Come support our team!

## ST. ANDREW FAMILY NIGHTS

Looking ahead.... Family Night will be returning to St. Andrew on Wednesday, September 14th beginning at 6:00 PM. Put the date on your calendar. There will be more information in the September newsletter.

**THANK YOU**

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McKalley Bolam, and Sydney and Delaney Fox, enjoyed Vacation Bible School very much and the picnic was delicious!

Thank you,  
Nana Hull

## ST. ANDREW BLOOD DRIVE

Miller-Keystone Blood Center will be here August 2<sup>nd</sup> to run our blood drive. The blood drive will be held in the Welcome Center and will run from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM. Mark Egbert is our contact person. If you are interested in donating or have any questions, you can reach Mark at 610-473-1423.

## CYBER PRAYER WARRIOR

What is a Cyber Prayer Warrior? We are a team of prayer servants dedicated to lifting trials, tribulations, celebrations, and concerns to our Heavenly Father by contacting each other through cyber space (i.e., the computer).

Scripture calls us to “pray without ceasing” so as we seek to be faithful to this call, we invite all that have access to a computer to join us on our journey. You will receive a daily prayer focus joined with any specific prayer requests given for that particular day.

If you are requesting prayer by the C.P.W. Team, email Dee Faller at [deefaller@yahoo.com](mailto:deefaller@yahoo.com) or call Dee at 610-292-1956.

If you are ready to become a warrior, please send your email address to: [deefaller@yahoo.com](mailto:deefaller@yahoo.com).

If you have questions, please call Dee Faller at 610-292-1956 or 484-620-6726 or email at [deefaller@yahoo.com](mailto:deefaller@yahoo.com).

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALVATION ARMY

It's time for collecting school supplies for children in the Boyertown area who are in need. The following items are being collected:

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Washable Markers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Backpacks
- Glue Sticks
- Pencil Boxes
- Notebooks
- Rulers

There will be a box in the Welcome Center for these items. Please bring your donations by August 10, 2011.

Thank you so much helping our local children.

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE

Hi All,

Another annual conference completed and this year didn't feel as hectic. This year's theme, Journeying With the Poor, was a nice complement to Pastor Robb's messages relating to the service of the church. The conference began with worship and communion followed by teaching sessions with guest leader, Pastor Rudy Rasmus, St. John's Downtown, Houston, Texas. For more about St. John's mission of "Tearing Down Walls..... Building Bridges," please go to [www.stjohnsdowntown.org](http://www.stjohnsdowntown.org) and enjoy our wider church involvement. In general, conference education and teaching revolved around gaining back the church influence in our local and broader communities. To facilitate the church influence, there is a need for truth, focusing on others, offering unconditional love, being compassionate and instilling hope. This can be accomplished with a mission goal. Missions' prioritize a church's finances. The church mission needs to be culturally relevant and engage all diverse people. A more cumbersome goal for the church's people is to break down the barriers of unforgiveness; fear is the biggest challenge to offering forgiveness and unconditional love. For you see, our perceptions of others is driven by fear. I guess this is why most of us create God in "our own image" rather than the other way around. Anyway, the conference teaching sessions were exemplary.

On a more business-oriented note, many resolutions were passed by the conference members. These resolutions related to alcohol privatization, withdrawing funds from investments that engaged companies in the occupied Israel/Palestine, advancing immigration reform, and called for a Pennsylvania natural gas drilling tax. Group health insurance was a hot topic. For our local pastors, a resolution to continue a high deductible tax advantage plan was passed. In order to save conference money, this plan will probably transfer to Aetna vs. Blue Cross Blue Shield. For now, the conference continues to make participation in a high deductible plan voluntary. As for local contributions towards the church health plans, \$318,490.00 remained unpaid by local churches in 2010. The conference reserves have been severely depleted. To combat this trend, the conference resolved that a church may not be more than three months behind in insurance payments without being considered at risk for an inability to support a full time ministry and cancellation of insurance. Related to the economic conditions of our local communities, pastor's salary recommendations for 2012 remained the same as 2011. The minimum base cash salaries range from \$32,820.00 to \$37,300.00 not including housing and benefits. Housing allowance is included as part of a pastor's gross compensation for tax purposes.

This is just a brief synopsis of the three conference days. If anyone wishes to review the entire conference program, please ask and I'll gladly give you the booklet.

Thanks for allowing me to be part of this yearly event,

Jane Donmoyer

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

We had a great week at Vacation Bible School this year! We had approximately 50 kids come each morning and hear about how much God loves them. Our theme was “The Big Apple Adventure” and we transformed the building to look like New York City. Each day we learned a new memory verse, bible story and a word of the day.

The students started their days in the Sanctuary where we watched a video that introduced the day’s theme and bible verse. We sang and danced to a lot of fun songs that centered around what we were learning that day.

Monday: Faith-Their memory verse was Romans 10:17 and the bible story was about the centurion who had faith that Jesus could heal his servant.

Tuesday: Love-Their memory verse was 1 John 4:19 and they learned the story about the woman who poured perfume on Jesus’ feet.

Wednesday: Trust-Their memory verse was John 3:16 and the story was about how Nicodemus trusted Jesus as his Savior.

Thursday: Others-Their memory verse was Matthew 28:19 and we talked about how the Samaritan woman at the well shared the good news she learned with everyone she knew.

Friday: Life-Their memory verse was 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 and the bible story was about the instructions that the disciples received on how to live and tell others about Jesus.

After the opening each morning, the students broke off into their groups and traveled to crafts, games, bible, and missions. They also had a stop in snack! They had a ton of fun making things to take home in crafts, playing crazy games, and learning about the bible story and our mission project!

Our project this year was to raise money to send students in Guatemala to school, as we have done in the past. But we also added a new part to our project: collecting school supplies to send down to the children. The students did a great job and have raised almost \$300.00 to send the kids to school and brought in a lot of school supplies. Our goal for the week was \$400.00 and we have not quite reached that yet. If you are still interested in donating to the cause you can put a check in the offering plate, made out to St. Andrew. Be sure to designate on the memo portion of the check that you want it to go to the mission project. Or you **may contact Becky Rhoads or Amanda Deering.**

Almost all of the students memorized all five of their bible verses and earned a prize. And a few lucky winners won free Rita’s Ice coupons!! Thank-you to everyone who donated side dishes and desserts for our closing picnic on Friday; we had a blast!!

I want thank everyone who volunteered their time to help with the program. I know several of you sacrificed vacation time or got up at an earlier hour than usual to help out and I appreciate it very much! I also want to thank those who donated supplies and prayed for us throughout the week. This program would not have been possible without everyone’s help! I look forward to working with you all again next year!!

**Thank-you!**

God Bless,  
Amanda Deering

# AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 6:30 PM 4-H Meeting Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b> Blood Drive	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Woodside	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM Scripture Scrapbookers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM Church Council	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30 AM Traditional Worship at Pavilion	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b> August 1 <sup>st</sup> through August 6 <sup>th</sup> the Junior High Youth will be at Harvey Cedars Bible Camp along with Pastor Robb and Adam Deering.		