

# CROSS ROADS

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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2011

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

“Blessed are the poor in Spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5: 3

Those words are the simplest beginning of a sermon that has been referred to as the greatest sermon of all time. Even Gandhi believed it held the truest form of all religions. Within three chapters of the Gospel of Matthew we have been given this tremendous treasure. Unfortunately, for many of us, this treasure remains unopened and unused. We have read the words, but we have not allowed them to root and grow in our lives. Jesus finishes this sermon with his story about the wise and foolish builders. He clearly was telling his followers that we are to follow his words and that by following those words we will be blessed.

Christians have a tendency to focus on the miracles of Christ. We love the stories that involve healings, casting out demons, feeding people from nothing. However, Jesus is referred to most frequently as Teacher. While the disciples certainly sat in awe of his wonderful works, they marveled as much at his wonderful teachings. In the Sermon on the Mount, we have at our hands the essential teachings of Christ. These teachings enable us to understand how we can be “blessed” and wise. We should devour them with all our strength so that we can better understand God’s love and presence in our lives.

Throughout this fall, I will be preaching from the Sermon on the Mount. It seems strange to preach multiple sermons all out of one sermon, but I know that our journey will reap awesome rewards. For much of my Christian life, I had read the words and given them little more than cursory thought. A few years ago, I read a book by E. Stanley Jones called “The Christ of the Mount.” That book opened my eyes to the true beauty of this sermon. My wife and I have been dutifully blessed through our fuller understanding of Christ’s words. Together, we will digest its meaning and purpose in our lives. We will allow these powerful words of Christ to guide and lead us in our wonderful relationship with him.

*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 (June through August) 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**

	Improvement Envelopes	Current Envelopes	Church Plate	Church School
July 3	197.00	5,182.00	71.00	
July 10	457.00	3,599.70	70.00	
July 17	182.00	2,912.50	60.76	
July 24	312.00	3,321.70	59.60	
July 31	202.00	4,282.70	86.00	
Total Received Y-T-D as of 7/31/11	7,648.00	120,171.45	2,982.51	468.21
Total Received Y-T-D as of 7/31/10	8,919.50	116,726.25	3,256.52	517.19

Total general expenses year to date at 7/31/11 were \$125,529.39. 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>September 4</b>	Susan Welsh Muriel Fisher Cheryl Neiman	Cathy Webb Gail & Isabelle Fisher Rose German
<b>September 11</b>	Gary & Mary Ann Hart Denise Kuder & Daughters Linda Drabinsky	Betty Graham Lester & Donna Heft Joan Herbst & John Heydt
<b>September 18</b>	The Purnell Family Jim & Shari Good Debra Gilbert	Bette Cooper Glenn Hull Jean Kemp
<b>September 25</b>	The Egbert Family Mike Nakonechny Richard & Marilyn Rhoads	Marion Bartman Tracy & Jane Donmoyer Dave & Sue McElwee

## *TRADITIONAL SERVICE*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Head Usher</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>September 4</b>	Nathan Babb	Joan Herbst
<b>September 11</b>	Robert Moyer	Mike Nakonechny
<b>September 18</b>	Bill Evens	Cathy Webb
<b>September 25</b>	Amy Babb	Ray Scardino

## *NURSERY CARE*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Celebration Service</b>	<b>Traditional Service</b>
<b>September 4</b>	Lori DiMaio	Becca Riefenstahl & Jen Werkheiser
<b>September 11</b>	Linda Clancy	Jim & Shari Good
<b>September 18</b>	Christine Gresh	Bonne Riefenstahl
<b>September 25</b>	Linda & Warren Moser & Ashley Egbert	Beth Rosenberger

## *SOUND BOARD & VIDEO*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Celebration Service</b>	
	<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Video</b>
<b>September 4</b>	Mark Egbert	Tracy Donmoyer
<b>September 11</b>	Mario Leone	Open
<b>September 18</b>	Rob Rosenberger	Tracy Donmoyer
<b>September 25</b>	Jen Ewing	Youth

<b>Traditional Service</b>	
<b>Sound Board</b>	<b>Video</b>
Mark Egbert	Gary Hart
Mario Leone	Jen Ewing
Sonne Shorley	Gary Hart
Jim McClure	Linda McClure

## *ALTAR FLOWERS*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
<b>September 4</b>	Presented by Arlene Robertson in Memory of Loved Ones
<b>September 11</b>	Presented by Sharon Blair
<b>September 18</b>	Presented by Jim & Bonne Riefenstahl Presented by Adam & Robin Kellerman in Memory of Pat Kellerman
<b>September 25</b>	Presented in Memory of Donald L. Smith by his Family Presented by Adam & Robin Kellerman in Memory of Claude F. Hockman



<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
September 1	Stacy Gerhart	September 18	Mary Jane Lentz
September 3	Lisa Ditty		Lloyd Weston
September 4	Harold Moyer	September 19	Donna Baith
September 5	Chris Gresh		Sharon Blair
September 6	Justin Konnick		Danielle Ditty
September 7	Mary Bartholomew		Nathaniel Weisel
September 8	James Retzlaff		Anthony Yusko
	Leah Dziura	September 20	Benjamin McClure
September 9	Michael Snyder	September 21	Gary Hart
September 10	Mallory Johnson	September 22	McKalley Bolam
	Jeanette Kline		Bill Evens
September 12	Ryan Bartman		Delaney Fox
September 13	Erik Miller	September 25	Sam Miller
September 14	Sharon Stahl	September 27	Matthew Bartman
	Brenda Weil		Rola Moyer
September 16	Amanda Nakonechny	September 28	Michael Ditty
September 17	Mark Andrews	September 30	George Bartow



<b>Date</b>	<b>Couple</b>
September 1	Jeffery & Jen Ewing
September 3	Russell & Charlotte Johnston
September 12	Jim & Brenda Kreitz III
September 17	Ben & Lindsey McClure
September 17	Lloyd & Gail Weston
September 24	Jim & Linda McClure
September 25	Jim & Shari Good
September 29	Ray & Lisa Scardino

## *from our Youth Director*

September brings about quite a few emotions in us; some are excited for football, back to school, or the possibilities of a new beginning. If you're like me you are ecstatic because fall means cooler temperatures, new T.V episodes, and football. For others, it brings about a bit of gloom, because temperatures drop, days get shorter, and they are forced to give up the carefree nature of summer for a more demanding schedule. However these emotions are secondary to the new college student. September of their freshman year signifies an end to everything comfortable and familiar, an end to life as they know it. They are forced to make new relationships in a new environment with new expectations, all of which can leave them feeling alone, scared and frustrated. As the college student progresses on they often make new relationships, they learn to rise to the new expectations, and they learn to adjust to their new surroundings, but even though they adjust it's still not quite the same as it was before. If I were to sum up my college years into one statement it would be this, "never have I been surrounded by so many people yet felt so alone." I have come to realize that the reason for this was because I was missing the close connections I had created with my fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ at my church. I became great at shallow relationships but was missing the connection with fellow believers. Because I had two places to call home, both college and my parent's house, I felt I couldn't fully connect to a church body. Luckily there were people from my congregation who would send me letters and cards and little care packages to let me know I was still cared for and a part of their family. Those little gifts meant the world to me.

I say all this to inform you of a new program we are starting at St. Andrew. We have more college age students, & recent college graduates than at any other time in my tenure here at St. Andrew. Up to this point I feel I have failed to help them stay connected to St. Andrew. This is why beginning this fall, we will be starting a program called "College Connections." The program is designed to connect an adult or family from St. Andrew with a college age student or recent college graduate, with the intent to let them know they are loved, cared for, and still a valued part of this congregation. If you would like to make an impact in the lives of a college age student please email me at [deering.adam@gmail.com](mailto:deering.adam@gmail.com). Also, if you know of a college age student or recent college graduate who has ties to St. Andrew please let me know. I have a list of people but I could use help making sure we reach as many people as possible.

*Adam*

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

**Pam Hudelson**  
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Red Hill, PA 18076

**June Hoffman**  
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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**

Pre-school Sunday school will begin again on September 4, 2011. Infant and Pre-K childcare is available during both worship services. More help is needed in the pre-school area. Anyone interested in becoming involved in this ministry is encouraged to contact Beth Rosenberger at 610-369-0623.

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The adult Sunday School classes held at 9:00 AM will resume, Sunday, September 11, 2011. The Ambassador Class led by Henry Ziegler will meet in Fellowship Hall. They will be studying the Epistles of John. Owen Allen will be leading The Seekers class in the library. New participants are welcome!

### **SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 SERVICES**

Since September 11th falls on a Sunday this year, we would like to honor and recognize all those that serve or have served the public (armed services, police, fireman/women, EMT, ambulance, etc.) by asking you to wear your uniform to church that day. Thank you in advance, for making that commitment to serve others in such important roles. We know our country would not be what we are today without you!

### **MAIL BOXES**

Mail boxes have been set up in the library bookcase once again. There are boxes labeled for: Cemetery, Choir, Council, Education, Finance, Missions, Outreach, and St. Andrew Women. If you have mail, the church office will contact you and your mail will be available for pick up in the library.

## **SERVANT KEEPER**

If you have an address, telephone, or email change please notify the church office. Also, 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 keep our records updated!

## **SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GROUP**

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!

## **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.

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

Boyertown Area Multi Service is looking for people to deliver Meals on Wheels. Volunteers typically deliver meals twice per month, but you can pick a schedule that works for you. It takes approximately 1 1/2 hours to deliver a route. If interested in volunteering or for additional information, please call 610-367-6957.

## **FREE ADVERTISING**

Free advertising is available to your groups or committees! There are open bulletin boards available in Fellowship Hall where you can post information about your group, list upcoming events, etc. Call the church office if are interested and you can get started!

## **ST. ANDREW MEN**

The St. Andrew Men will hold their monthly breakfast on Sunday, September 4th at the Woodside Villa beginning at 7:30 AM. All men of the church are invited to attend.

## FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

### **RALLY DAY and THE RALLY DAY PICNIC - SEPTEMBER 11th IS FAST APPROACHING**

THE DAY WILL BE PACKED WITH EXCITING EVENTS:

- Kick-off of Fall Sunday School Programs
- Ministry Fair in the Welcome Center – See what St. Andrew has to offer and where you can serve!
- Church Picnic immediately following the Traditional Service – Hamburgers/Hotdogs are provided. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Please sign-up in the Welcome Center.
- Games for all ages

Check upcoming bulletins for details. We need YOU to help make this day a success!!

### **UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS:**

Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 29th

Christmas Caroling - in December

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

## YARN SPINNERS

Time to get those knitting needles and crochet hooks into action again (though I know some have been busy throughout the summer)!

We have completed our baby blanket project for Genesis Pregnancy Center, sent lap robes to the Veterans Center in Spring City, and some puppets and dolls for Operation Christmas Child.

Come join us in our "creating hands" ministry. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall (opposite side of the kitchen).

## SCRIPTURE SCRAPBOOKERS

Scripture Scrapbookers will meet in Fellowship Hall (opposite side of the kitchen) on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 PM. It will be brought to you by the letter "K." Please bring a snack beginning with "K," your own beverage, and a project to work on. Awards will be presented to those who have completed a scrapbook. Candy Allen must have your name, the name of your scrapbook, and a picture from the scrapbook to complete the award. Come and "K"nock on our door!

## MISSION MOMENTS

**A Mission Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 PM.**

### **BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE AND SALVATION ARMY**

Baskets in the Welcome Center are waiting for items to be used by Boyertown Area Multi Service and Salvation Army. Items needed are: toothpaste, shampoo, tuna, and other canned meats. Your continued support is appreciated.

### **SALVATION ARMY**

Friday, September 9th will be the next time we help prepare lunch at the Salvation Army. Time is from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Come share in this "helping time" in our community. Please call Marilyn Rhoads at 610-367-9881 if you are interested in helping.

Thank you to everyone who gave school supplies for area students. These were distributed on August 17th at the Salvation Army.

## ST. ANDREW WOMEN

**September 14, 2011 - 7:00 PM** - Meeting to be held in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.

**October 12, 2011 - 6:15 PM** - Covered Dish Dinner and Annual Auction. Time to clean out some of your dust collectors and bring them to the auction. Come and join us for a fun evening! All women are invited.

### **BAKERS, COOKS, SERVE STAFF & CLEAN-UP CREW NEEDED**

**On Tuesday, September 13**, St. Andrew Women will be hosting a breakfast for the Boyertown-Oley Retired School Employees Association.

**Set Up and Prep Work** will be done on Monday, September 12, beginning at 9:00 AM until about Noon or 1:00 PM.

**Help is needed** to cook and set out the food on Tuesday, September 13th, beginning at 6:30 AM or as early as you can make it. The meal will be served at 8:30 AM, then clean up following the meal.

**Breakfast-type desserts are needed too.** These can be brought to the church on Monday from 9:00 AM to Noon, or by 8:00 AM on Tuesday morning.

Proceeds from this breakfast will be used by St. Andrew Women to help fund Operation Christmas Child as well as other mission and church activities.

If you have any questions, please call Marion Bartman at 610.369.1775

Thank you for your support.

## Saint Andrew Holiday Bazaar

### Mark Your Calendar -

Our annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on:

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

details will be in next month's Cross Roads Newsletter.

You may want to begin gathering items for the **White Elephant** sale. You may drop off your donations beginning Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Saint Andrew Silent Auction at the Holiday Bazaar 2011

The Silent Auction segment of our Holiday Bazaar has always been a great success. We hope to continue that achievement this year. If this is your first Saint Andrew Holiday Silent Auction, here's how it works.....

We are asking people like you:

artists	bakers	chefs	crafters
knitters	needle workers	woodworkers	leaf rakers
babysitters	service providers	instructors	????????

- to think about what items, or services, you can provide.

Everyone who attends the bazaar on **Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, will have an opportunity to join in the fun of bidding. All items will be on display along with a bidding sheet (which will include an opening bid predetermined by the donor). **To participate**, just register with the auction attendant. You'll be given a bidding number. Then record your bidding number and the amount of your bid on the appropriate bidding sheet.

Don't forget to check periodically to see if you're still the top bidder. At **7:00 PM bidding will end** and **winners will be announced** following auction.

If you are a winner, just pay the attending clerk and take the item home with you. **If you are not present**, you'll be called and arrangements made to claim your prize.

We ask that you think about the gifts and talents God has given you and consider how you can share them.

If you have questions or would like to give us an idea of what you'll be contributing, please contact Edie or Hans Scherer at 610.754.7793 or [ediehans@windstream.com](mailto:ediehans@windstream.com)

Thank you.

The Silent Auction Committee

# Operation Christmas Child 2011

## Sponsored by St. Andrew Women\*

*“Operation Christmas Child is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need of hope.”*  
Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse

For many children, Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoe boxes are tangible expressions of God's love and constant presence. To participate, you simply fill a shoe box with items for a child. (Boxes may be wrapped or decorated on the outside, but the lid must be wrapped separately. DO NOT tape the box shut.) The children will receive a gospel message prior to receiving the actual shoe box.

On **Sunday, September 18th**, Bethany Miller, a volunteer with the OCC Southeastern PA Area Team and Relay Center Coordinator, Norristown, will present (at both services) information about the program. Between services and following the Traditional Service, Bethany will at the OCC table in the Welcome Center to answer any questions you may have and, if you need them, distribute shoe boxes. You may fill as many shoe boxes as you wish.

### **Select One or More**

Boy	2 - 4 years	Girl	2 - 4 years
	5 - 9 years		5 - 9 years
	10-14 years**		10 - 14 years

\* \* *Most needed group is Boy 12-14 years. A larger shoe box can be used for older children because of the size of their clothing.*

### **GIFT IDEAS**

#### **Toys**

Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

#### **School Supplies**

Pens, pencil and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### **Hygiene Items**

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag,) comb (consider large tooth combs), washcloth, etc.

#### **Other Ideas**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, flip-flops, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

#### **A Personal Note**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

#### **Do Not Include**

Used or damaged items, such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food; out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.

#### **New This Year**

- \* If you would like to participate but are unable to shop yourself, please contact Edie Scherer and you'll be matched with someone who will purchase items for you.
- \* If you would like to donate "filler" items - things to add to any box that may be a little sparse, a container will be provided on the OCC table for them.

\* *As part of their Mission Outreach, SAW will provide the \$7.00 per box requested to cover shipping charges.*

**Collection Date - October 23, 2011**

Questions? Please contact Edie Scherer at 610.754.7793 or [EdieHans@windstream.net](mailto:EdieHans@windstream.net). Thank you.



If you're a parent of a teenager grades 7–12 then you're invited to join us for Parent Night on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. This is a good opportunity to connect with the youth staff, hear the vision and goals for our Youth ministry, as well as a great time for you to be heard as a parent. Also it's a lot of fun!

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## **Parenting Class**

Running on Thursdays from October 13<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Robb will lead a class for parenting your child.

More information to come! Parents with children of all ages are welcome to attend!

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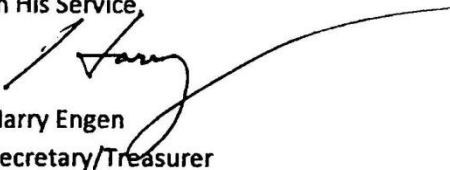
Dear 2011 VBS Students,

Thank you very much for all the school supplies you collected for the poor children in Guatemala who attend the Mi Refugio school. The children and staff at the school will be thrilled to see all that you have provided. I will be taking them to Guatemala in mid- September. The school year in Guatemala is January through October, so the material will be used for the start of school in January 2012.

My daughter Kari started the school in 1987 for poor children living by the Guatemala City garbage dump. She expanded the school in 1996 to include poor Mayan children who surround the newly purchased 12 acre property in San Pedro. The school currently has 225 students, and 75 scholarship students to other schools for high school and college. She hopes to open the high school at the San Pedro campus in 2012. Please pray that the Guatemalan education department gives their approval. Attached is an information sheet about the school.

Thanks again for the wonderful gift of school supplies.

In His Service,



Harry Engen  
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachment