

CROSS X ROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 2011

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

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

Acts 17: 22-23

Every year around this time Christians debate whether we should celebrate Halloween or not. At the heart of this issue is how do we, as Christians, relate to the world. After all, Paul also reminds us that we should not conform to the world (Romans 12: 2). Certainly we should not encourage our children to participate in rituals that have pagan roots - or should we? In this passage from Acts, Paul uses the pagan culture of the Athenians to proclaim the gospel. He took what the people were comfortable with and translated it with a Christian meaning. In other words, he redeemed a cultural idol to bring about a Christian witness. Paul, by the way, is not the only one to do so.

Christmas was chosen to redeem the pagan holiday that is celebrated during the day of the Roman winter solstice. Many people believed it was the birth of the sun - the shortest day of the year. Christians easily interpreted it as the birth of the Son and used their understanding to redeem a pagan holiday. Many of our traditions around Christmas are contributions from various cultures that were redeemed by the Christians to add even greater meaning to Christmas. From trees to gift giving, Christians modified their original meanings and incorporated them into Christian theology. This practice of redemption is a further reminder that we serve a God who redeems!

The Christian tradition has so many roots with secularism and paganism that it pervades our services. Many songs have their roots in secularism. Martin Luther stated, “Why should the devil have all the good music?” The robe that I wear has traditions within Roman secular courts. Regardless, Christians have a history of taking from society and using it to serve God faithfully.

Halloween has its roots in many pagan traditions. Regardless, how we use those traditions impacts significantly its effects on our culture. There is no reason we, as Christians, cannot redeem the event as a time to have fun with our children and celebrate. Dee and I have used various techniques to share Christ in the midst of Halloween. Our “treats” have involved messages of God’s love. For example, one year we made little bags with explanations for the gifts. Life savers demonstrated that God saves our souls. Hershey kisses to show God’s love. Pennies reminding that we are to share our wealth. Treats with a Christian message included!

Christians should be prone to celebrating - after all, we have a great God who has given us the greatest gift ever - the redemption of our souls. It is rapidly growing in popularity in large part to the fact that religion is absent. We should not be afraid to use Halloween as yet another time to remind the world that God is the giver of life and lover of our souls. Let us celebrate Him this Halloween.

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 with Jim Good in Library

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>
August 7	182.00	3,911.70	42.00	
August 14	362.00	3,744.00	53.00	
August 21	237.00	3,080.70	61.00	
August 28	105.00	2,388.20	11.00	
Total Received Y-T-D as of 8/31/11	8,534.00	133,296.05	3,149.51	468.21
Total Received Y-T-D as of 8/31/10	10,331.50	135,419.00	3,548.52	517.19

Year to date expenses paid at 8/31/2011 were \$140,162.60. 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
October 2	Susan Welsh Warren & Linda Moser Jim & Bonne Riefenstahl	Rose Marie Bireley Don & Mary Ann Riegel Harry & Linda Mohr
October 9	Gary & Mary Ann Hart Tim & Linda Clancy Scott & Mary Cantlin	Robert & Edith Moyer Diane Yusko Betty Price
October 16	The Purnell Family Jim & Shari Good Mary Ann Stauffer	Betty Cooper Nancy Renninger Arlene Robertson
October 23	The Egbert Family Anita Church Bill & Delores Evens	Marion Bartman Tracy & Jane Donmoyer Al & Ruth Fuchs
October 30	Muriel Fisher Cheryl Neiman Linda Drabinsky	Debbie Patt P.J. Long Pat Cavanaugh

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Date	Head Usher	Liturgist
October 2	Jim McClure	Chuck Kleinhenn
October 9	Debbie Patt	Candy Allen
October 16	Nathan Babb	Pat Miller
October 23	Robert Moyer	Ray Scardino
October 30	Bill Evens	Brian Shorley

NURSERY CARE

Date	Celebration Service	Traditional Service
October 2	Lori DiMaio	Becca Riefenstahl
October 9	Linda Clancy	Jane & Tracy Donmoyer
October 16	Open	Bonne Riefenstahl
October 23	Linda Drabinsky	Beth Rosenberger
October 30	Barb Dziura	Michelle Crawford

SOUND BOARD & VIDEO

Date	Celebration Service		Traditional Service	
	Sound Board	Video	Sound Board	Video
October 2	John Stauffer	Mary Ann Stauffer	<i>Open</i>	Gary Hart
October 9	Mario Leone	Mark Egbert	Mario Leone	Jen Ewing
October 16	Tim Clancy, Sr.	Tracy Donmoyer	Sonne Shorley	Gary Hart
October 23	Jen Ewing	Youth	Jim McClure	Linda McClure
October 30	Mark Egbert	<i>Open</i>	Jim McClure	Linda McClure

ALTAR FLOWERS

Date	Name
October 2	Presented by Pete & Ginny Korszniak
October 9	Presented by Gary & Mary Ann Hart in Celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary
October 16	Presented by Bob & Ginny Drabinsky in Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary
October 23	Presented by Miriam Johnston in Celebration of her 97th Birthday
October 30	Presented by the Egbert Family in Memory of their children's grandparents



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
October 1	Zachary Weisel	October 16	Bette Cooper
October 2	Tim Mefferd	October 18	Gabrielle Egbert
	Gregg Riefenstahl		Janice Larkin
October 3	Jed Johnson	October 19	Ashlyn Crawford
	Stuart Spohn	October 20	Betty West
October 4	Arlene Robertson	October 22	Caitlin Wernett
October 5	Lori Snyder	October 23	Declan Larrimore
	Crystal Wernett		Joshua Larrimore
October 6	Peter Foster		Richard Ludy
October 9	Scott Cantlin	October 25	Miriam Johnston
	Joanne Pritchard		Evelyn Kring
October 10	Michael Nakonechny	October 26	Alvin Moyer
October 11	Terry Hewitt		Debbie Patt
October 13	Ken Baker		Jenny Stauffer
	Ryan Brennan		Cathy Webb
	Debra McGonigle	October 27	Lori DiMaio-Egbert
	Tony Yusko	October 29	Brian Gross
October 14	Casie Baer		Sarah McClure
	Beth Rosenberger	October 30	Dot Peter
October 15	Kay Haas	October 31	Chandra Bortz
	Kathy Miller		



<u>Date</u>	<u>Couple</u>
October 1	Owen & Candy Allen
October 2	Lester & Donna Heft
October 4	Richard & Marilyn Rhoads
October 5	Tom & Donna Dugan
October 8	Gary & Mary Ann Hart
	Ken & Jeanette Kline
	Laverne & Joan Maute
October 13	Robert & Ginny Drabinsky
October 15	Wilbur & Bette Cooper
October 20	Tim & Cindy Mefferd
October 22	Justin & Valorie Konnick
October 24	Mike & Diane Nakonechny
October 26	Glen & Debra Gilbert

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

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IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Tentatively, beginning May 2012 the Cross Roads Newsletter will no longer be mailed to your home and will only be available electronically through personal email and on the St. Andrew Website. For those who do not own a computer, hard copies of the Cross Roads Newsletter will be available the last Sunday of the month in the Welcome Center. However, the May 2012 date may be moved up if the postal service continues with the long delay in deliveries.

We understand that some people may be homebound and do not have access to a computer. If this is the case, please call the church office at 610-367-7043 and a newsletter can be sent to you each month.

For those who are not currently receiving the newsletter by email and would like to, please email the church at office@newberlinvilleumc.org to have your name added.

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.

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, October 2nd at the Woodside Villa beginning at 7:30 AM. All men of the church are invited to attend.

FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT SATURDAY OCTOBER 29th FROM 6:00 –7:30 PM

This event provides a safe environment for children from our church family and the community to trick or treat. It's a wonderful opportunity for St. Andrew to reach out to family, friends, and neighbors. Here's what YOU CAN DO to make this event a SUCCESS!

- We need 12 families or groups (for example a Sunday School class or Small Group) to decorate a car trunk and provide treats for the children. Set up time from 5:00-6:00 PM. Each group is responsible for providing their own decorations. If you don't have a "trunk" that you can use, a table can be provided.
- Individuals who are unable to participate on the 29th can donate treats or goodies in advance, to help out those who are decorating a trunk.
- Spread the word! Tell your neighbors, relatives, and friends about this event! Postcards will be available to hand out.
- Bring your children (toddler through 6th grade) to the event!
- Watch the bulletin for details. Sign-up sheets will be posted in advance of the actual date.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

Although the leaves haven't begun to turn, it's time to start thinking about Christmas. Once again, we would like to have three church families host an informal afternoon gathering in their home (early December, date to be determined). If you are interested in being a host for this year's **Christmas Greetings**, please contact Linda Clancy. Check the November newsletter for details.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Christmas Caroling – in December – date to be determined

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

YARN SPINNERS

Join us on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall to continue working on shawls, lap robes, and dolls for the Nyaka, Uganda School. You may also bring your own project to work on. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

SCRIPTURE SCRAPBOOKERS

Scripture Scrapbookers will meet in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 PM. It will be brought to you by the letter "L." Please bring a snack beginning with "L," your own beverage, and a project to work on. Now is the time to "Lift your Life" into a scrapbook.

MISSION MOMENTS

A Mission Meeting is Scheduled for Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 PM. Come join us in planning and taking part in providing "helping hands" in our community and beyond.

BOYERTOWN AREA MULTI-SERVICE AND SALVATION ARMY

Our baskets located in the Welcome Center are waiting to be filled with food items needed by these local organizations. Items needed are: canned soups, canned vegetables and canned meats.

SALVATION ARMY

Friday, October 14th is our day for preparing and serving the noon meal. Join us from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM to take part in this community service.

ST. ANDREW WOMEN

October 12, 2011 - 6:00 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.

Operation Christmas Child - Operation Christmas Child is underway. Boxes and information are available in the Welcome Center. Collection date is October 23rd. Any questions, please contact Edie Scherer at 610-754-7793 or EdieHans@windstream.net.

JUNIOR CHOIR

A Junior Choir is being formed at St. Andrew UMC! Anyone who has a child in Kindergarten through 6th grade who is interested in being part of the choir should attend the first practice on October 2nd immediately following the Traditional 10:30 AM service in the sanctuary. Peg Hoover will be directing. Please contact Peg with any questions.

MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Did you know that Puerto Rico was one of the hardest hit areas by Hurricane Irene? Almost every year the youth go out and do a mission trip. This year, it is the adults turn. The Mastros' have generously offered to house volunteers in their hotel located in central Puerto Rico. In addition, to help keep our cost down and effectiveness of service up, Sonia will be working with the church she attends while she is in Puerto Rico! Now we simply need volunteers and more financial support. Tentatively, we will be leaving the 20th of February and returning on the 29th. If you would like to join the team please notify Pastor Robb. We will be seeking to do both physical works and works of service. This is an awesome opportunity to reach out to our hurting brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico. More details will be coming. I want to give a special thank you to the Mastros' for their wonderful offer and to all who will be supporting our efforts.

2011 St. Andrew UMC Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 4th All Day & Evening - Saturday Morning, November 5th

Our annual Holiday Bazaar is coming up shortly. **Mary Fox** (610.367.7054) is **Chairing** the Bazaar with Edie Scherer (610.754.7793) assisting Mary with this huge undertaking. There are many ways you can make this event, which helps St. Andrew in a big way, be successful. Below is a schedule of each day's activities and a chart showing ways you can lend a hand.

Date	Event	Time
Please see article "Help with Food Preparation for Bazaar".		
Friday, November 4	All venues, exclusive of meals	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
	Silent Auction Bidding	10:00 am to 7:00 pm
	Lunch	11:00 am to 3:00 pm
	<i>Pick up your pre-ordered soup, bread, peanut and cashew brittle.</i> Note: There will be additional soup and brittle available. Also loaves of bread will be sold at the Bake Table. <i>(while supplies last)</i>	Fri., 12 Noon to 6 pm, Sat. 8-11 am
	Roast Beef Dinner	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
	Silent Auction Winners Announced	7:15 pm
Saturday, November 5	All venues, except breakfast	7:00 am to 12 Noon
	Breakfast Buffet	7:00 am to 11:00 am, or while supplies last
	Clean up from Bazaar, set up for Sunday School	12 Noon to Finish
Note: No activities or tables will be taken down before 12 Noon on Saturday.		

Please come to the Bazaar and invite your family and friends. You'll find great gifts made by St. Andrew's Crafters to fill your Christmas shopping list. Come on Friday to enjoy lunch, shop around, have dinner and participate in the Silent Auction. Then wait and see if you've a winning bid in the auction. Come back on Saturday morning and enjoy a buffet breakfast prepared by our famous St. Andrews chefs and shop some more.

This chart indicates the names and contact numbers of the people chairing each activity, as well as how you can help. Please go through the list and see where you, and if applicable, others in your family can help, then contact that Chairperson and offer your assistance. You may also use the sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

Silent Auction at the Holiday Bazaar

How It Works

Everyone who attends the bazaar on **Friday, November 4th**, 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, register with the auction clerk. 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 announced.

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.

Bake Table at the Holiday Bazaar

*Attention Everyone Who Has a "Sweet Tooth".....this year we are featuring **shoofly pies** and assorted flavors of **whoopie pies** at the Bake Table!*

Besides these delicious goodies we need YOUR help in providing a variety of baked goods to make this "The Place" to stop for a snack or a take-home dessert.

Please bring your donations of baked good on Thursday evening, November 3rd or Friday, November 4th. Goodies can also be brought in on Saturday morning, November 5th.

Please contact Marilyn Rhoads, 610.367.9881, for more information or questions.



**Handmade Crafts
Country Store
White Elephant
Baked Goods
Deli Items**



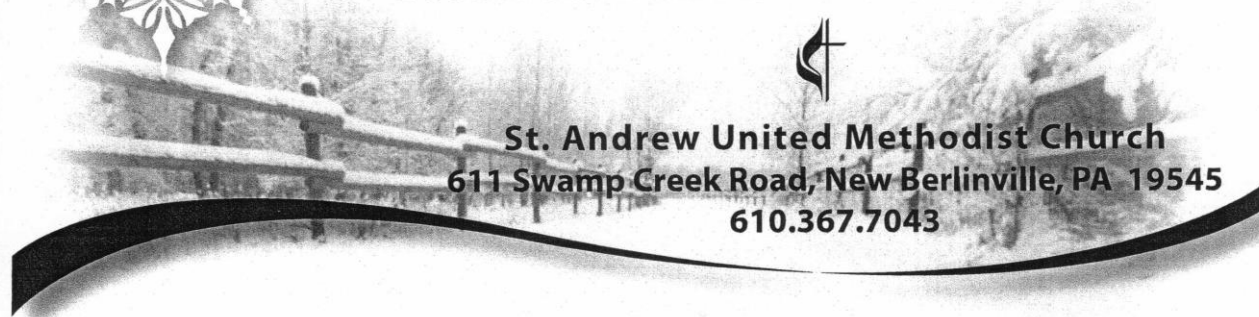
2011
St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Holiday Bazaar & Silent Auction



Fri. November 4th
Lunch 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
Roast Beef Buffet 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Silent Auction 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 10:00 am - 7:00 pm
 Winners will be announced at 7:15pm

Sat. November 5th
Breakfast Buffet 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
 7:00 am - 11:00 am



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Dear Church Family,

Hello! It has been awhile since I've updated you on my journey here in Kentucky, so I thought I'd share some news from the Bluegrass.

First, if you haven't heard, I'm engaged and will be married on October 8th here in Kentucky. Pamela and I are fast approaching this date with anticipation. We will be honeymooning in Gatlinburg, TN. She and I are excited that our professors have given us that week off during the middle of the semester to enjoy Gatlinburg.

As for school, I'm entering my 3rd year of seminary. This semester I'm excited to be taking three classes: Discipleship in the Home, Equipping the Laity, and Healing. I'm excited to take these three courses because they are all very practical classes that can help me in my future ministry.

As I move forward in my preparation for ministry, I ask that you continue to pray for Pamela and I, as we move forward in marriage but also ministry. I ask that you pray for direction on where we should be in ministry both in location and setting. Pray that we can be a witness to those in our classes but also in our surrounding community. If I haven't mentioned before Pamela is a roller derby girl. She and I have taken this community of roller derby and seen it as our mission field while we are in Kentucky, I ask you to pray for our friendships and connections being made within roller derby in order that we may a good Christian witness to the women who are involved.

Always, I thank you, St. Andrew, my church family, for the blessing that you continue to be for my future wife, Pamela, and me as I continue my education. I sincerely appreciate all that you do for me in the way of financial support but also the support of your prayers. I miss all of you and wish I could see you more often, yet we are connected by the love we share in Jesus Christ. Both Pamela and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Serving Together,

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September 19, 2011

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Dear Friends of Multi-Service,

Have you ever watched a football game? It is not difficult to see that the team is made up of at least 3 components: offense, defense, and special teams. For a team to have a winning record and make the playoffs, all 3 parts have to work together. If even one of the specialized units fails to do its job, the team will struggle to be successful.

The staff of Boyertown Area Multi-Service recognizes that we are part of a team. Our goal is to help local families and individuals meet their basic needs. We could not reach our goal without the other team members: our volunteers and our donors.

Though our staff is small, we have hundreds of volunteers who come along side us to do the countless jobs that are important in being able to help our neighbors. We would fail/lose without them.

Equally important are our donors. We need the resources to keep our agency afloat and also the resources we share directly with the families we serve. Your donation to our food pantry enabled us to provide some of life's basic necessities to struggling households. The consequences would have been disastrous if you hadn't done your part.

Your donation was a key component in our team's effort to win the battle against hunger and despair! Thanks for being a team player!

Sincerely grateful,

Nancy C. Kremm
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Food Programs Manager

We appreciate your on-going support of our food pantry!



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of the Boyertown Area