

OCTOBER 2024

# CROSSROADS

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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*"Building Authentic Christian Community, One Relationship At A Time"*

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# From the Pastor's Desk



Dear friends,

In case you haven't heard! I need to have surgery on my heel. As many of you know, I've been having issues with my left heel for over a year. Doctors have said that I have exhausted the "conservative" methods and at this point surgery is now my best option. I am told that I will not be able to put weight on my heel and I will be in a cast for 8 weeks. I am unable to drive while the cast is on.

What this means is that I will not be around for a while. Surgery is happening on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

We have lined up an all-star cast of guest preachers for you during my recuperation. They include:

October 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Rev. Thomas Davis-Shappell will be back with us

October 27<sup>th</sup> Rev. Steven Morton

November 3<sup>rd</sup> (All Saints Sunday) Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm

November 10<sup>th</sup> Rev. Truman Brooks

If needed – November 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – our own - Rev. Henry Ziegler

Thanks for your continued prayers,  
Pastor Barb



**Cash 4 Causes**  
**Help Raise Money for Our**  
**Missions Program!**

Cash4Causes helps to raise money for our Missions Programs. Thank you to those who purchase cards every month. If you are interested in ordering a Giant gift card to give as a gift or use for yourself, please see Faith Schlegel (Or Maryann Stauffer) on the first 2 Sundays of the month to place your order.

**The Monday Group**

This group is in keeping with St. Andrew Women's objective; to serve others.

They meet on Mondays from about 9AM to 12PM. Except for the last Monday of the month when they go out to breakfast first.

If you'd like to join them, they'd love to have you be a part of the group.

Please contact Edie Scherer at 610.754.7793, if you have any questions.

**Next Breakfast: Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**at the Americana Diner**



The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 8am** (new time) at the Saville Diner.

All the men of the church are welcome to join them!

Contact: John Stauffer.

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm** in the Library.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**



Cathy Webb offers a Bible Study in our Fellowship Hall the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month.

**Next Study:**  
**Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm.**

## *Christian Companions*

*Christian Companions Women's Bible Study -  
Walking through life with God  
and each other.*

*The Christian Companion Women's Bible Study  
will be meeting on  
Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
in the Youth Room downstairs.*

*They are working on  
"The Chosen" - Season 2!*

*All women are welcome to join them on the 1<sup>st</sup> &  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month.*

*Contact Linda Clancy or Donna Werkheiser with  
any questions.*



The Praise Band will practice every Wednesday  
(except when the Church Council meets)  
from 7:15-8:30pm in the Sanctuary.  
Contact Person: Kelly Werkheiser.

The Church Council will be meeting on  
**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm**  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Contact: Bob Schlegel



## **Church Council Meeting**

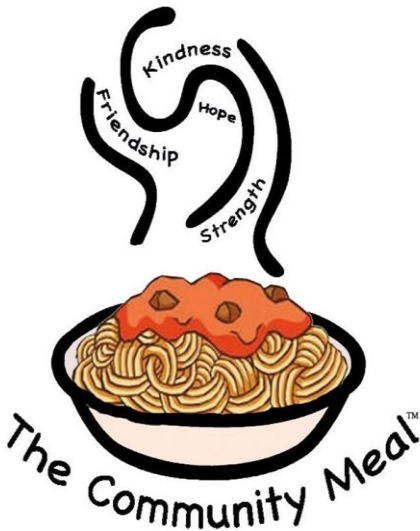
The 2024 Charge Conference  
will take place on  
**Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
from 9-10:15am  
at 1346 E. Prospect Avenue in North  
Wales, PA



The St. Andrew Women (SAW)  
will have a pot luck luncheon on  
**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**  
in the Fellowship Hall.

We have decided to replace our UMCOR auction with donations from anyone who wants to contribute. All women in the church are invited to attend. Just let us know so we can have enough to eat. Come for fellowship and fun.

We are still saving your Redner's tapes. Please put them in the box in the Welcome Center. At this point we have realized about \$200.00 for our mission projects. In addition to our regular charities, we have decided to help The Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We used to support them with the labels for education but that program was discontinued.



### **Free Community Meal**

Hello Church Community!

The Monthly Community Meal is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 12 to 1 pm. Groups and volunteers are needed to sponsor and/or assist with cooking, serving, take out and clean up. You may also come to enjoy the meal and meet some of our community members.

There is a sign-up sheet in the welcome center. If you have any questions, see Faith Schlegel or Becky Rhoads.

**The next Meal will be on  
Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon.**

Volunteers are always welcome!

### **Yarn Spinners**

Thank you all who have supported Yarn Spinners this past year and took part in the "Blessing" of the items made. Many items have already been given out this past year. Now children's hats and gloves will find their way to the Salvation Army in Pottstown as well as men's and women's hats and scarves. Bayada Hospice in Boyertown received lap robes for their clients. During the year we also gave prayer shawls and lap robes to those in need. Genesis Pregnancy center received baby blankets and baby hats.

**Our next meeting will be on October 24<sup>th</sup>  
in the church library at 12noon.**

Enjoy these fall days!



# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

## New Young Adult Group Forming

We are beginning a new small group/Bible study group for our young adults and college age folks. If you are looking for a place to gather with friends who want to talk about life, and God; if you are looking for a safe space to ask hard questions then this group is for you. We will be meeting on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month. Join us on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm (downstairs in the youth room) and bring a friend. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Barb (610.310.8349, [pastorbarb@saintandrewumc.org](mailto:pastorbarb@saintandrewumc.org)).

The Mission Committee will be meeting on  
**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
In the Library.  
Contact: Faith Schlegel



# Prayer Cards

for Teachers

The Mission Committee will be sending prayer cards to the staff at Colebrookdale Elementary school. We will be sending about 5 or 6 per month. Once a month we will have cards in the Welcome Center for the congregation; pick a card to sign, and add a few encouraging words. More than one person may sign a card.

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for the lovely breakfast you provided for the Colebrookdale Elementary staff. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Praying for a wonderful school year!  
Blessings,  
Sallie Chesbro  
Intervention Teacher





### October 2024 Liturgist Schedule

Date	9:45am
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Faith Schlegel
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Cathy Webb
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Clancy
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Purnell

### October 2024 Computer & Soundboard Schedule

9:45am	Computer	Soundboard
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Schlegel	John Stauffer
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah Conroy	LeRoy Moser
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Kerr	Jen Ewing
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Moyer	John Stauffer

### October 2024 Offering Count Schedule

Date	9:45am
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> Rob Thomas and John Stauffer
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> LeRoy Moser and Beth Rosenberger
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> Tracy Donmoyer and Tim Clancy
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lead:</b> Rob Thomas and Adina Warren

**If you are unable to work your scheduled day, please switch with someone else on the list.  
Thank you!**

# PRAYER

## list...

**Please keep the following members who are unable to attend services in your prayers:**

**Donna Baith**  
1600 Black Rock Rd.  
Room# 711  
Royersford PA 19468

**Virginia McKinstry**  
PO Box 113  
New Berlinville PA 19545

**Dennis Kline**  
Southeastern Veterans Center  
1 Veterans Dr.  
Spring City PA 19475

**June Stoudt**  
17 Stacy Dr.  
Barto PA 19504

**Nancy Renninger**  
1599 County Line Rd.  
Bechtelsville PA 19505

**Joan Maute**  
1666 County Line Rd.  
Bechtelsville PA 19505

**Marian Meitzler**  
451 Township Line Road  
Bechtelsville PA 19505

**Janice Hull**  
Greenfield Senior Living  
300 Perkiomen Ave.  
Schwenksville PA 19473

## **Our Current Prayer List**

Pastor Heidi & her Family, The Searfoss Family, The Family of Fred Husk, The Schlegel's Great-Nephew Jared, The Hartman Family, Phyl Minner's Brother-in-law Armand, Mary Cantlin's Sister Lori and Nephew Sean, Eric Scherer, James Kraemer, Alan Kerr, The Schlegel's Family Members Vicky, Vanessa, Christina & Families, Phyl Minner, Laverne & Joan Maute, Stanley, Michelle & Kirstie Weller, Alex Schollenberger and their son Levi, and Julia Welsh.





<i>Gregg Riefenstahl</i>	10/2	<i>David Gomolka</i>	10/11
<i>Jed Johnson</i>	10/3	<i>Beth Rosenberger</i>	10/14
<i>Arlene Robertson</i>	10/4	<i>Richard Ludy</i>	10/23
<i>Scott Cantlin</i>	10/9	<i>Catherine Webb</i>	10/26
<i>Jim Landis</i>	10/9		



*No Wedding Anniversaries in October*

*If you don't see your birthday or anniversary information printed here and you would like it to be, please contact the church office to update your record.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT

St Andrew United Methodist Church  
Treasurers Report  
August 31, 2024

	August 2024	August 2023	Y-T-D 2024
Funds Received *	14,550.00	15,758.00	174,952.50
Bills Paid	17,872.97		134,587.96
Open Bills	8,585.65		8,585.65
Total Bills	26,458.62		143,173.61
Net Increase (Decrease) in Funds	-11,908.62		31,778.89

Other Collections that do not affect the budgeted expenses:

Improvements	1,355.00	18,731.50
Special Offerings		1,330.00
Memorials		150.00
Sunday School		160.00

\* Funds received includes Current offerings, Church plate and other income used to pay budgeted expenses.

# MISSIONS

## Mission: Salvation Army

Our mission team is asking our church family to once again answer a need expressed by Boyertown Salvation Army. We are going to collect one non-perishable food item a month to help them throughout the year.

Our food collection for October and November is to help them have foods to distribute for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**Collection dates are Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> thru Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

These foods are distributed to those who are in need in our local community.

Be a Blessing to some of our neighbors who are in need.

We appreciate your support of this community-based outreach ministry.

Thank You!

## Food Item for October & November 2024

### Canned Veggies for Thanksgiving & Christmas Collection





### Guatemala News

As the school year starts here in PA, it is time to remember our students in Guatemala who will be finishing their school year this month or next. Thank you all for your generosity, support and prayers that have helped to make another successful year of school for 28 children. You are truly the hands and feet of Jesus reaching out and making a difference in so many lives.

During the months of October and November we will be collecting donations for the 2025 school year. All donations should be made by November 17th. You may give your donations directly to Becky Rhoads or put them in the offering plate in a special offering envelope marked

Guatemala. Checks should be made out to St. Andrew with Guatemala in the memo line.

All the donations collected will go directly to Guatemala to help children who do not have individual sponsors and to cover some travel expenses for purchase and delivery of the school supplies to the children. Individual child sponsorships are also due on November 17th.

Gracias!



## **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm**

If you are interested in volunteering for Trunk or Treat this year, please speak to Faith Schlegel.

You may decorate your car's trunk any way you'd like to and hand candy out to the children in our community.

This is a safe, fun and easy way for kids to go trick-or-treating. If inclement weather occurs, the event will be moved into our Fellowship Hall.



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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Saturday
		1 7PM Trustees Mtg.	2 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	3 7PM Young Adults Group	4 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	5
6 <i>Communion</i> 8AM Men's Breakfast at Saville's 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	7 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg. 6:30PM SPRC Mtg	8	9 1PM SAW Pot-Luck Lunch 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	10	11	12
13 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	14 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg. <i>Columbus Day</i>	15	16 5:30PM AA Mtg 7PM Mission Comm. Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	17 7:15PM Choir Practice	18 7PM CC Women's Bible Study	19 12PM Community Meal 
20 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting 	21 9AM Monday Group 5:30PM AA Mtg.	22 1PM Bible Study	23 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7PM Church Council Mtg.	24 12PM Yarn Spinners	25	26
27 9AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship Service 10:50AM Sunday School 5:30PM AA Meeting	28 9AM Monday Group Breakfast @ Americana Diner 5:30PM AA Mtg.	29	30 5:30PM AA Mtg. 7:15PM Band Practice	31 		