

CROSS



ROADS

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 2015

“Building upon God's Grace through Love, Obedience and Compassion”

"This is the kind of life you've been invited into, the kind of life Christ lived. He suffered everything that came his way so you would know that it could be done, and also know how to do it, step-by-step. He never did one thing wrong, Not once said anything amiss. They called him every name in the book and he said nothing back. He suffered in silence, content to let God set things right. He used his servant body to carry our sins to the Cross so we could be rid of sin, free to live the right way. His wounds became your healing. You were lost sheep with no idea who you were or where you were going. Now you're named and kept for good by the Shepherd of your souls."
1 Peter 2: 21-25 (The Message)

The crucifixion of Jesus remains the central most significant event for Christians. It is the reconciliation of a broken world to a perfect God. It is God's great gift of grace providing salvation for all. It is an amazing thought that Jesus would leave His heavenly throne and go through all the suffering that comes in the form of crucifixion. It is even more amazing when we consider that He did that all while doing nothing wrong. Fundamental to the faith of Christians for over two-thousand years now is the realization that Christ's death on the cross effectively removed our faults and failures and affords us the ability to enter into heaven. Peter certainly reiterates this in his letter - after all, Peter was there to witness the awful events and Peter certainly knew his own faults at the time.

So what does that mean for us? First, we need to recognize our own faults and struggles. If we had none, then we have no need for Christ to die. Instead, especially during the season of Lent, we are called to think about ourselves with sober judgment (Romans 12: 3). In addition, Jesus reminds us to look at the plank in our own eye before we look for the splinter in someone else's eye (Matthew 7: 1-5). This is an important step. After all, how can we be healed, redeemed or rescued from those things that we do not even acknowledge? As we prepare to remember the beauty of the resurrection, let us

begin by recognizing the ugliness of our own sins. In the midst of this recognition let us seek God's presence so that we can learn to live without sin. Let us seek His presence so that His healing work could take place in our hurting lives.

Next, let us remember that as God has given us grace for our faults, so we must give that grace to those who harm us. This is why Peter starts by reminding people that Christ suffered for us so that we would know how to live. Jesus himself says that we need to forgive others just as we have been forgiven (Matthew 6: 14). Probably his most aggressive parable is the one of the unforgiving servant (Matthew 18: 21-35). At the end of the parable, Jesus warns that God will not forgive those who withhold forgiveness from those who seek mercy. Upon realizing that we have faults that demand grace, we need to then extend that grace to all around us. This is easy to say, but hard to do. This lent let us think about people who have hurt us. Let us then make sure that we have truly forgiven them. If possible, let us go to those people and inform them of this grace. Just as we have been forgiven, we must forgive.

Finally, let's look forward to what is to come! Paul reminds us that in this world we will know suffering. However, the world that is to come is so much more that we cannot compare the two (Romans 8. 18). In other words, no matter what this life brings we know it is temporary while the life that is to come is eternal. Let us approach Easter with the reminder that death leads to greater life! With the confidence of children of God we need to proclaim to all that grace has an amazing ending - eternal life with our Heavenly Father. Let us strive to draw ever closer to Him. Let us trust that His grace can heal. Let us trust that His love can free. Let us give God our all, for God has given us His all! Amen!

Rev. Robb E. Faller

St. Andrew United Methodist Church

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Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robb Faller (cell 484-686-1778) <i>PastorRobb@SaintAndrewUMC.org</i>
Assistant Pastor	Adam Deering <i>Adam@SaintAndrewUMC.org</i>
Administrative Assistant	Mary L. Cantlin <i>Office @SaintAndrewUMC.org</i>
Adult Choir Director	Nancy Webb
Organists	Sharman Kleinhenn Kay Behle, & Marian Meitzler
Praise Band Leader	Adam Deering
Treasurer	Donna Werkheiser

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM

Contemporary Celebration Service

An upbeat, high energy service filled with praise and worship music, and prayer and preaching. This service utilizes music to draw people into God's presence on a very personal level.

We also offer at this time:

- . **Crib and Pre-K Nursery Care**
- . **Adult Sunday School** (*September through May*)
Library - Henry Ziegler & Pat Miller, Leaders

10:30 AM

Traditional Service

A service that utilizes centuries of traditions to draw people into God's presence. Multiple elements, including classic hymns played on the organ, feed the senses of the worshippers to remind them of the love and life of Jesus during the past, present and future.

We also offer at this time:

- . **Crib Nursery Care**
- . **Pre-K Sunday School**
- . **Adult Sunday School**
Library - Jim Good, Leader
- . **Sunday School Classes**
K-6th Grade - Fellowship Hall
Junior & Senior High - Fellowship Hall Youth Room

Church

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Youth Program

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Assisting With Worship

GREETERS

Date	Celebration Service 9:00 am	Traditional Service 10:30 am
March 1	Anita Church Glenn Hull Susan Welsh	Rose Marie Bireley Hans & Edie Scherer Catherine Webb
March 8	Warren & Linda Moser Richard & Marilyn Rhoads Mary Ann Stauffer	Donna Baith Joan Herbst & John Heydt Jason & Bethany Miller
March 15	Jim & Shari Good The Purnell Family Jim & Bonne Riefenstahl	Tracy & Jane Donmoyer Mary Frain Don & Mary Ann Reigel
March 22	Tim & Linda Clancy The Egbert Family Denise Kuder	Harry & Linda Mohr Robert & Edith Moyer Arlene Robertson
March 29	Anita Church Linda Drabinsky Glenn Hull	P.J. Long Debbie Patt Diane Yusko

TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Date	Head Usher	Liturgist
March 1	Nathan Babb	Chuck Kleinhenn
March 8	Robert Moyer	Rob Thomas
March 15	Bill Evens	Edie Scherer
March 22	Debbie Patt	Pat Miller
March 29	Nathan Babb	Mark Egbert

ACOLYTES

(Please arrive 5 minutes prior to service and look for Mrs. Dee or Mr. Mark)

Date	Celebration Service	Traditional Service
March 1	Mary Conroy	Jada Shorley
March 8	Gabby Egbert-DiMaio	Katherine Carter
March 15	Tori Egbert-DiMaio	Isaiah Sabedra
March 22	Hudson Hartz	James Riefenstahl
March 29	Gabby Egbert-DiMaio	Jada Shorley

NURSERY CARE

Date	Celebration Service	Traditional Service
March 1	Linda Clancy & Christi Conrad	Linda Moser
March 8	Joanne Pritchard & Barb Dziura	Diane Yusko
March 15	Linda Drabinsky & Jim Purnell	Kris Carter
March 22	Amanda Deering & Bethany Miller	Chris Gresh
March 29	Beth Rosenberger & Shari Good	Mary Ann Stauffer

SOUND BOARD & VIDEO

Date	Celebration Service		Traditional Service	
	Sound Board	Video	Sound Board	Video
March 1	Mark Egbert	Zach Weisel	Megan Stehman	<i>Open</i>
March 8	Tim Clancy	Tracy Donmoyer	Jen Ewing	Joe Carter
March 15	John Stauffer	Mary Ann Stauffer	Sonne Shorley	<i>Open</i>
March 22	Jen Ewing	Youth	Jim McClure	Linda McClure
March 29	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>	<i>Open</i>



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
March 3	Nancy Renninger	March 23	Amanda Bilger
March 5	Hilary Yusko		George Mastros
March 7	Faith Schlegel	March 24	Marilyn Rhoads
March 8	Kyle Kolarz	March 25	Mary Fox
March 9	Kim Conrad		Jason Fox
	Sonia Mastros	March 27	Pennye Reinert
March 11	Ashley Baker	March 29	David Frain
	Sarah Gross	March 30	Charlie Baer
March 16	Pat Miller		Glen Gilbert
March 17	Jada Shorley	March 31	Amy Babb
March 21	Britta Davies		Jeff Miller
March 22	Mike Drabinsky		
	Jill Miller		
	Nick Miller		



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
March 24	John & Mary Ann Stauffer

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 records.

WORSHIP



LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE:
[HTTP://SAINTANDREWUMC.ORG/SERMONS.ASPX](http://saintandrewumc.org/sermons.aspx)

“CONNECTING TO PEOPLE” SERMON SERIES

MARCH 1:	FRIENDS
MARCH 8:	NEIGHBORS/CO-WORKERS
MARCH 15:	WORLD
MARCH 22:	ENEMIES
MARCH 29:	PALM SUNDAY

Offer Flowers



March 1 - *Open*
March 8 - Presented in Honor of Faith Schlegel's Birthday
March 15 - *Open*
March 22 - *Open*
March 29 - Presented by the Clee Family in Memory of Ginny Korszniak
Presented by Bill & Delores Evens in Honor of their Granddaughter's 16th Birthday

LENT



Join us each Wednesday evening during Lent at 6 PM for pizza in Fellowship Hall and then activities for kids and Lenten study for adults from 6:30-7:30 PM.
COME ENJOY!







***** SATURDAY – MARCH 21ST AT 12 NOON *****



*As we find ourselves in the midst of Lent,
Don't wait till Easter Sunday to share His story,
won't you take 5 minutes together as a family and enjoy this
Lego Easter Story!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-M8Yesnt1V8>

ST. ANDREW YOUTH



**Calling all High School Seniors...
Its scholarship time again!!!**

All interested students who are members of
St. Andrew are eligible to apply on-line
at: bccf.academicworks.com/opportunities/809
Application Due March 15, 2015



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Class Begins: Thursday, March 5th

Held each Thursday from 7-8:30 PM

Confirmation Sunday: May 31, 2015 - 10:00 AM
Celebration of Pentecost

ST. ANDREW MEN'S GROUP



St. Andrew Men's Group Monthly Breakfast Sunday, March 1st

Woodside Restaurant, Route 100 in Bechtelsville, 7:30 AM
All men of the church are invited to enjoy the food and fellowship!

ST. ANDREW WOMEN'S GROUP

Women's Group Meeting

March 11, 2015

7:00 PM Fellowship Hall



LOOKING AHEAD:

Holiday Bazaar -
November 6 and 7, 2015

The Women's Group is looking for seasonal craft items for the holiday bazaar craft table. If you are interested, contact Betty March or Doris Pelko.

Thank You



Thank you for your support of Operation Christmas Child in 2014 by packing and providing the bags to pack the extra shoeboxes to make 157 shoeboxes!

God did so much in our region, as well as throughout the US! Through your support, over one million shoebox gifts were collected in the Mid-Atlantic Region (this is a first!), and over 479,500 shoebox gifts were collected in Pennsylvania (another record!).

We cannot wait to see how God uses all these shoeboxes to share His love with the children of the world.

Here is one example from Panama- A New Life:

"My name is Kenira. A teacher from church invited me to an activity in the church and asked me if I wanted to meet somebody who loves me. I didn't want to, but then I said yes. Later on, some people talked about Jesus, and I opened my heart and accepted Him as my friend. Then they told us they had a gift for us and when I saw the surprise, I ran to show my mom and younger brother what I received. I didn't know that Jesus loved me so much that He prepared a gift for me. I want to know Him more and grow with Jesus in my heart. From that moment on, everything is different in my house and life. Now I have a new life with Jesus in my heart."

We look forward to your participation this year!

Bethany Miller, Operation Christmas Child
Volunteer—Southeastern PA Area Team
Relay Center Coordinator - Norristown

SCRAPBOOKERS

BY DEBBIE PATT

St Andrew Scrapbookers will meet on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a pink snack to share and your own beverage. Remember to bring all the supplies that you will need to work on your scrapbook. If the weather is bad (snow, sleet, ice, subzero temperatures), please call Debbie Patt at [610-367-0315](tel:610-367-0315) to see if our meeting will be cancelled. I hope to see you there!

YARN SPINNERS

BY MARILYN RHOADS

Yarn Spinners will meet at 12 Noon on Thursday, March 19th. See you then with your bagged lunch!

MISSION MOMENTS

BY PAT MILLER

Food Collection

Please remember those in our community who are in need of food and personal care items. We have baskets located in the Welcome Center for Boyertown Salvation Army and Boyertown Multi-Services. Canned meats and soups are needed.



Boyertown Salvation Army Community Meal - March 13th

We will be helping to serve this daily meal on Friday, March 13th from 9:30 AM until 2:00 PM. This is an opportunity to enjoy time with others as we make and serve the meal. Help is needed and always appreciated. Hope to see you there.

Dr. Zimmerman:

Please consider being part of our Lenten project to support Dr. Mark Zimmerman, our Missionary in Nepal. We are looking for 50 families to donate \$20.00 to reach our \$1,000.00 goal. A sign up sheet is available in the Welcome Center.

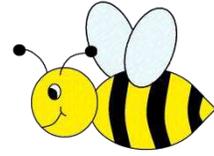
Easter Flowers:

Help support Missions with the purchase of beautiful Easter flowers. An order form is available on the last page of the Cross Roads and also in the Welcome Center. Orders are due March 15th.

Monthly Mission Meeting: Thursday, March 26th at 7:30 AM in Library



Buzz on in to a....



“Bee-u-TEA-ful” Party

7th Annual Ladies Tea Party

March 28, 2015

12 Noon

Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available for sale March 8th and 15th
between Sunday morning services.

A portion of your ticket will go towards the Heifer Project to purchase honeybees!
Thank you!



Once Upon A Prom...

Hosted by Boyertown Junior Woman's Club

March 21, 22 and 28, 29

1 to 5 PM

at Strength in Motion Studio
1145 East Philadelphia Avenue
Boyertown, PA



Girls in need of a special occasion dress can come and browse our collection of over 400 dresses in all sizes, and accessories as well. Take one home for a small donation which will benefit our local community.

TREASURER'S REPORT

BY DONNA WERKHEISER

**St Andrew United Methodist Church
Treasurers Report
January 31, 2015**

	January 2015	Budget 2015	January 2014	Y-T-D 2015
Income*	16,051.85	19,486.00	15,139.17	16,051.85
Actual Expenses paid	12,632.46			
Open Expenses October	<u>8,023.89</u>			
Total Expenses	<u>20,656.35</u>	<u>20,157.00</u>	<u>17,803.61</u>	<u>20,656.35</u>
	-4,604.50	-671.00	-2,664.44	-4,604.50

Other Collections that do not effect the budgeted expenses

Improvements	1,526.00
Special Offerings	818.00
Memorials	650.00
Sunday School	69.00

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



We now offer the option to donate online. This makes it easier for those who are unable to make it to church on a weekly basis or just prefer the convenience. You can check it out on our home page: www.saintandrewumc.org There is a "giving" option on the right hand side of the page. Donations can be a one-time gift or ongoing - whatever you choose. As always, thank you for your tithes and offerings.

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You Are Cordially Invited to
AGLOW COMMUNITY LIGHTHOUSE POTTSTOWN

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, at 9:00 a.m.

at CONNECTIONS ON HIGH Cafe'

238 E. High St.

Pottstown, PA 19464

Continental Breakfast

and Meeting: \$5.00

Nancy Sebastian Meyer,
a sparkling speaker and nationally
published author, shares



God's HOPE.

Exhausted from a never-ending to-do list and overwhelmed by the needs of others? Who takes care of **you**? You need nurturing from someone special – rest for your soul, gentle encouragement, and godly wisdom. Refresh and renew your spirit as you hear Jesus whisper: “I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly” (Matthew 11: 29-30).

Nancy Sebastian Meyer's story has been on Focus on the Family, Family Life Today and Midday Connection, “His Place” (Cornerstone Television) and “Aspiring Women” (Total Living Network). Her articles have been published in Today's Christian Woman, Marriage Partnership, The Secret Place and Toastmasters International. A degreed educator and Certified Personality Trainer, Nancy ministers around the world. Find out more at www.hope4hearts.net.

Questions? Kay - 610-367-1995 or Nancy – 610-367-5207

Coming Up: April 4, Daniel & Gladys Kolb will share their personal testimonies of miracles!

Prayer Needs

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

Sandie Ruth Baker
2727 N. Charlotte St.
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

Dorothy Cross
Manatawny Manor
30 Old Schuylkill Road
Pottstown PA 19464

Pamela Hudelson
10 Indian Valley Lane
Telford, PA 18969

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

Dot Peter
1 South Home Avenue
Town Court #217
Topton, PA 19562

Robert Preudhomme
125 Harry Howard Blvd.
Hudson, NY 12534

Marietta Stahl
2917 E. High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464



Our Current Prayer List

The Sandie Baker Family
The George Clouser Family
Greg Herbst
Donna Hobbs
Dot Peter

Mary Bartholomew
Cal & Dot Cross
Joan Herbst
Mary Jane Lentz
Julia Welsh

Pat Cavanaugh
Debra Gilbert
John Heydt
Robert Minner, Jr.
Dr. Mark Zimmerman

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please call the church office when:

- A new baby arrives in your family.
- Your home phone or cell number has changed.
- Your email address has changed.
- Your address has changed.



Please call Pastor Robb directly at 484-686-1778 when you or a family member are experiencing health concerns or have been admitted to the hospital.

Pastor Robb will direct the church office when to begin the prayer chain.

CROSS X ROADS

Information for the April Cross Roads Newsletter is due in the church office no later than Sunday, March 15th. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM



Place the completed form along with payment in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and put the envelope in the collection plate or hand it to Marilyn Rhoads, Becky Rhoads, or Delores Evens.

The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary during the Easter Sunday worship services. You may pick up your plants after the 10:30 Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

Purchaser's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

PLANT #1 (Circle one) Lilies Hyacinths Tulips Daffodils Mums

Given by (if different from purchaser) _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

PLANT #2 (Circle one) Lilies Hyacinths Tulips Daffodils Mums

Given by (if different from purchaser) _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

PLANT #3 (Circle one) Lilies Hyacinths Tulips Daffodils Mums

Given by (if different from purchaser) _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

PLANT #4 (Circle one) Lilies Hyacinths Tulips Daffodils Mums

Given by (if different from purchaser) _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Lilies (4-5 blooms) Quantity _____ at \$10.00 = _____

Hyacinths (3 bloom) Quantity _____ at \$10.00 = _____

Tulips (6 bloom) Quantity _____ at \$10.00 = _____

Daffodil Quantity _____ at \$10.00 = _____

Mums Quantity _____ at \$10.00 = _____

Total Number of Plants _____

Total Payment Enclosed _____

This is a fund raiser for Mission Projects and your support is appreciated.

All orders must be received by March 15, 2015

MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast Communion Sunday	2 9:00 AM The Monday Group 6:30 PM ZUMBA	3 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	4 6:00 Pizza 6:30 PM Family Bible Study 7:00 PM Scrapbookers	5 7:00 PM Hot Spot & Confirmation Class 7:15 Choir	6	7 Fellowship Hall in Use Tools for Ministry in Landsdale, PA
8	9 9:00 AM The Monday Group 6:30 PM ZUMBA	10	11 6:00 Pizza 6:30 PM Family Bible Study 7:00 PM SAW Meeting	12 7:00 PM Hot Spot & Confirmation Class 7:15 Choir	13 9:30 AM Prepare & Serve Lunch at Salvation Army	14
15	16 9:00 AM The Monday Group 6:30 PM ZUMBA	17	18 6:00 Pizza 6:30 PM Family Bible Study	19 12 Noon Yarn Spinners 7:00 PM Hot Spot & Confirmation 7:15 Choir	20	21 12 Noon Community Meal
22	23 9:00 AM The Monday Group 6:30 PM ZUMBA	24	25 6:00 Pizza 6:30 PM Family Bible Study 7:30 PM Council	26 7:00 PM Hot Spot & Confirmation Class 7:15 Choir 7:30 PM Missions Meeting	27	28 12 Noon Ladies Tea Party
29 Palm Sunday	30 9:00 AM The Monday Group Breakfast 6:30 PM ZUMBA	31	Notes: Maundy Thursday: April 2, 2015 Good Friday: April 3, 2-15 Easter Sunday: April 5, 2015			

Do you need a ride to church for one day or an on-going basis?

If so, call the church office and will arrange a ride for you!

