

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

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Rooted in Love, Grounded in Grace, Growing for God

As we approach the summer, just a few items for you to remember and consider:

** Apply your sunscreen so that you don't get sunburn. Also apply the holiness of God so that you don't lose your spiritual witness.*

** Take time to rest. We have in Psalm 23, the call to be beside still waters and quiet pastures. We are to take time to rejuvenate. Also remember to take time to drink of the water of worship. As we gather in worship, we experience and enjoy the rejuvenating water of God's word shared in the context of the Body of Christ.*

** Take time to explore. Vacations are a great time to relax and explore. In addition to this, take time to explore another version of the Bible or a writer that you have yet to read or a book of the Bible that would be new to you.*

** Take time to work on projects. As we have less meetings and events, take that time to work on those items that have been neglected such as your garden or your flower beds. In addition to this, take time to work on those areas of your life that have needed to be worked on such as self esteem or communication or worries or pride. Once you master these areas, you will be a better person and a better witness.*

** Take time to enjoy nature. There is such beauty in our world. God has blessed us with an incredibly beautiful world. Breathe in the beauty around you. In addition to this, take time to experience the beauty of where God has placed you. All too often, we want to be somewhere else as if that somewhere else will answer all of our problems. Realize that God has placed you where you are so that you can solve your problems. Allow God to work through you so that we can enjoy the freedom that comes with accepting the place that we are currently in.*

** and lastly, celebrate the gifts that God has extended. I mentioned beauty and rest and holiness and nature. Let us use our gifts this summer so that God can enhance us through our gifts. As we use our God given talent, the healing and power of the Almighty One touches us with healing and perspective and insight.*

Our faith is connectional in nature and when we live in this connection, we demonstrate to others that we as a people are rooted in love, grounded in grace, and thus growing for God.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Mark

LIBRARY

Summer is here, so sit back and relax, and enjoy one or more of the books below.

Jesus on Trial: A Lawyer Affirms the Truth of the Gospel. David Limbaugh applies his lifetime of legal experience to a unique new undertaking: making a case for the gospels as hard evidence of the life and work of Jesus Christ.

Summer Island by Kristin Hannah: This author presents a poignant, funny, luminous novel about a mother and daughter—the complex ties that bind them, the past that separates them, and the healing that comes with forgiveness.

I Take This Man: A classic heartwarming romance by Emilie Loring. Emilie Loring was an American romance author who started writing in 1914 and continued writing until her death in 1951. Following her death, her sons, published some unfinished material they found at her estate. In I Take This Man, Penelope discovers there is a plot to murder her husband, but who would want that?

The Twelve Brides of Summer Collection by various authors. Meet 12 adventurous Victorian era women—a beekeeper who is afraid of bees, a music teacher whose dog has dug up a treasure, a baker who enters a faux courtship, and six more—along with the men they encounter while making summertime memories. Will these loves sown during summer be strengthened by faith and able to endure a lifetime?

HOLLY PLACE

Holly Place was established to target low-income seniors with limited resources who could not afford alternative care systems.

The Presbyterian Women support Holly Place as one of our local missions.

Holly Place Wish List

This is an updated list of items Holly Place needs. The Presbyterian Women collect items each month and deliver them to Holly Place. There is a featured item each month, but you can donate anything on this list at any time. Please place your donations in the tub located in the parlor labeled Holly Place. Thank you for your generosity.

June: Floor Cleaner

July: Batteries (AAA, AA, 9V)

August: Aluminum Foil

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Although God set aside Sunday as a day of rest, there is no season of rest. Our ministry continues throughout the year. Summer often brings visitors on vacation or those “just visiting.” So far this year, we’ve welcomed over 30 visitors with a smile and friendly greeting. Remember to offer visitors a gift bag that provides information about our ministry. And please pass the pew pad to them. Visitors who leave an address receive a letter inviting them back. Your warm welcome combined with our inspiring worship service makes a lasting impression on them. In fact, many folks in our church family were once visitors. Summer offers many options for you to be involved in our ministry: VBS, food bank, worship service flowers, usher, lay leader, and outreach missions. Fellowship continues throughout summer with coffee hours and the annual church picnic. During family events, please collect tabs from soda cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Last year these recycled tabs became an \$80 donation. Whether you are serving behind the scenes or welcoming a visitor, your presence and participation are what make our congregation thrive. Let’s stay connected in spirit and service this summer!

STEWARDSHIP

During the summer, remember that although you may take a vacation, our ministry does not! Worship, Sunday School and music are provided throughout the summer. The office maintains regular office hours. Staff work as usual. Our cleaning crew and grass mower maintain their schedules. The comfortable environment (physical, emotional, and spiritual) found within our church needs your offerings and pledges throughout the summer. Your ongoing stewardship keeps the lights on and the doors open, ready to welcome you back from your summer adventures!

DEACON UPCOMING 2026 COFFEE HOUR

June 21, 2026: Lynn Lowman (5), Jenny Brown (7), and Libby Llewellyn (13)

July 19, 2026: Chris Lunsford (11) and Jen Metz (12)

August 23, 2026: Tammy Jamison (3) and Lisa Scumpieru (9)

September 20, 2026: Vivian Suffecool (1) and Lauren Goodwin (6)

Check each month and if your parish is hosting, let your deacon know what you will be donating for the coffee hour. This helps us with planning. Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each month we like to highlight the importance of attending Sunday School. This information is taken from the pamphlet 27 Reason Why You Should Attend Sunday School. This pamphlet is written by Rodney Pry, the executive director of the PA State Sunday School Association.

Sunday School Helps People Develop Closer Personal, Supportive Relationships With Other Christians

“Continue to love each other with true Christian love.” Hebrews 13:1

As a part of an assignment for a doctoral thesis, a college student spent a year with a group of Navajo Indians on a reservation in the Southwest. He lived with one family, sleeping in their hut, eating their food, working with them, and generally living the life they live each day. The old grandmother of the family spoke no English, yet the two of them developed a very close friendship. They spent a great deal of time together, and they learned to share the common language of love and understanding. Over the months, he learned a few phrases of Navajo, and she picked up a little English. As the year came to an end and he prepared to leave, the whole village came out to wish him well. As he prepared to get up into the pickup truck and leave, the old grandmother came to tell him goodbye. With tears streaming from her eyes, she placed her hands on either side of his face, looked into his eyes and said, “I like me best when I’m with you.”

Isn’t that the way we should all feel when we are in the presence of Jesus? He brings out the best in all of us. We learn to see ourselves as worthy and valuable when we are in his presence. The hurts, the cares, the disappointments of our lives are behind us when we realize the depth of his love. To be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ is to generate in other people the Indian grandmother’s simple statement: “I like me best when I’m with you.”

We have Sunday School for all ages including 3 Adult Classes. If you have not joined a Sunday School Class, we would love for you to come and join us on Sunday morning. We have Sunday school throughout the summer.

Here is a brief overview of Sunday School:

Sunday School starts at 9:45 and ends at 10:45. All students meet in their classrooms at 9:45am except those 5th grade and younger. These students meet in the sanctuary for an opening program. At that time the students recite the Pledge to the Bible, Pledge to the Christian Flag, have a devotion, take up offering, and have a time of prayer. At 10:00am the students are dismissed to their classrooms. Please note parents: if your child is in the 3rd grade or below, please pick them up from their class at 10:45am. If you are unsure where your child's classroom is, please ask Pastor Mark or Miss Annette.

Here is a brief description of the 3 Adult Classes:

**** Voyager Class:** Is an interactive class. The class decides what book they would like to read and to discuss. They are currently reading Living with Confidence in a Chaotic World by Dr. David Jeremiah. This class meets in the Conference Room.

**** Seekers Class:** Is taught by Pastor Mark and Hank Hemphill. This is an in-depth Bible Study. They are currently studying the book Proverbs. This class meets in the Legacy Hall.

**** The Travels of Paul Class:** Is taught by Jason McDonald. The class is using a DVD series by Beth Moore and is studying the travels of Paul. This class is an interactive class and meets in the Friendship Hall.

Sunday School Snippets

Here is what is happening in Sunday School:

Toddler Class: The toddler class is studying Jesus as a boy.

Pre-K Class: We have been studying Creation. We are continuing to learn to recite the Lord's Prayer independently, Our memory verse for this month has been, I Timothy 4:4 "Everything that God has created is good."

K/1st Grade: Our class is studying how God wants us to take care of His world. Congratulations to **Emelia & Lachlan Bearese, Maddie Goodwin, Michael McDonald and Bryan Twum-Barimah** for memorizing their Bible verse "Everything God created is good" I Timothy 4:4

2nd & 3rd Grade: In studying the Biblical account of the stoning of Stephen, Acts 6:1-15; 7:1, 51-60, our class has been learning that we can always count on Jesus to give us strength especially in tough times. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1.

Splendid work to the following: **Addi Majeski** shares how she tenderly cares for her chickens, God's creatures spoken into existence. **Nikolai Bearese** shares one of his God-given talents performing in the Wizard of Oz at the Maryland Theatre.

Thomas Twum-Barimah was inspired by Miss Annette's Valentine acrostic, and began to creatively compose his own which will appear in an upcoming newsletter. God so loved....

4th-5th Grade: We have been studying the following themes: **The Holy Spirit gives us power to do bold things** for God. Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, delivered a forceful message of salvation and the need for repentance. A few months earlier, Peter was afraid to tell a few bystanders that he knew Jesus. At Pentecost, Peter spoke fearlessly, and 3,000 were converted. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid or fearful, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline (2 Timothy 1:7).

The Holy Spirit helps us help others. Miracle 1: Near the temple, beside the Beautiful Gate, A beggar made a plea to Peter and John for help/money. Instead of giving him money, Peter healed him in the name of Jesus. A second example of a miracle was that Peter was called to Lydda because a Christian woman named Dorcas had died. Following Jesus' example, Peter sent everyone from the room, prayed and addressed Dorcas directly telling her to get up. Dorcas opened her eyes and sat up. But the Advocate, the Holy spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)

Give with all your heart. One of the characteristics of the early church was that the believers cared for each other's need. Personal items were not held on too tightly but helped the whole community of believers when need arose. Ananias and Sapphira sold some property and said they would give all of the money to the church. However, they lied and plotted to hold part of the money for themselves. Their lies and deceit cost them their lives. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Middle School Class: May was all about Easter! He has risen! Sunday school class attendance has been a little light since Easter being that the class was put on trial for rebellion against their Sunday School teacher, found guilty of rebellion, sentenced to death by crucifixion, and thusly crucified. In all, 4 students we found guilty. Their crimes of rebellion included sleeping in class, interrupting the teacher, not listening, not following directions, not participating, throwing things at each other, climbing over tables, and creating an environment not conducive to learning. This teacher is hoping that this class's sentence and punishment will serve as an example to all Sunday School classes in the future to think twice before performing rebellious activities in class. **Seriously**, we did have a trial, and sentencing, a parade through the streets of St. Andrew, and a kinder gentler crucifixion where the students had a competition to see who could hold their arms up the longest in a crucifixion type pose. Just a tiny taste of what Jesus went through those three days we call Easter. More fun to come in May!

High School Class: Through detailed Scripture reading and discussion, we are targeting little known figures of the Bible to increase our Bible literacy. We finished an in depth look at Bathsheba to learn why she is listed in the lineage of Christ. Then we discussed Herod the Great and Herod Antipas.

Congratulations to the students who had perfect attendance for the month of May or missed only one Sunday. We are so proud of you for your commitment to our Sunday School program.

Perfect Attendance

Toddler Class:
Stella McDonald

Pre-K Class:
Brentley Vinson
Nova Vinson

K/1st Grade
Michael McDonald

6th h-8th Grade
Maggie McDonald

Teen Class
Abby Boppe
Anne McDonald

3 out of 4 Sundays

2nd & 3rd Grade Class
Addi Majeski

4th and 5th Grade
Elsie Majeski

5th and 6th
Colton McKinley
Lily South

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who see Sunday School as a top priority. Thank you to our teachers who faithfully come every week to teach the Word of God to their students.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On July 12, we will celebrate the fact that the Youth Group members brought 25 new people. We will go to Sky Zone and enjoy a pizza party. Watch the upcoming bulletins for details.

The Youth Group will meet on August 9, at Pastor Mark's and Miss Annette's house. We will eat mountain pies, play games, and have a short Bible Study. The time will be the regular youth group time.(6-8pm) Each youth is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Did you know that St. Andrew has an Instagram page. You can find it at: st.andrew_presbyterian. Look forward to seeing you there!!

ST ANDREW HAS TALENT

The Youth Group of St. Andrew will present "St. Andrew Has Talent!!" formerly known as the Dessert Theatre. We will have a Taco Bar immediately after church at noon on Sunday, June 28, hosted by the Fellowship Committee. Then plan on staying for our "St. Andrew Has Talent" program. All are welcome to display their talent. There will be a sign-up sheet in the parlor. This is a fund raiser for the Youth Group and is on a donation only basis.

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands will be meeting on Thursday, June 4, 10:00-noon. This will be our last meeting until the fall. I would like to personally wish everyone in Helping Hands a wonderful and relaxing summer. The church is so blessed by your servant's heart in doing a wide variety of ministry for the church. Here is just a sample of all that Helping Hands does throughout the course of the year.

Fold bulletins * Prepare mailings * Collate Sunday School curriculum * Make cards for shut-ins * Prepare crafts for Sunday School, Kids of the Kingdom and V.B.S. * Make up face kits for Harvest Hoedown * Stuff thousand of Easter eggs * Paint flower pots for the Teacher Appreciation Celebration * Count money for the One Great Hour of Sharing * Sort and organize cards for our card ministry.

These are just a few of the things that Helping Hands do when we meet every other week. Thank you so much for your service and for your servant's heart in this ministry of the church, I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer. We'll be meeting in September and will be busy with Harvest Hoedown projects. With a grateful heart, Annette

SUPPER CLUB

Monday, June 22, 5:30pm at the Western Sizzlin'. We hope you can join us as we have a wonderful time of fellowship with your church family as well as enjoying a delicious meal.

PASTOR MARK & MISS ANNETTE VACATION

Pastor Mark and Miss Annette will be away on vacation from June 20-27. Please contact your deacon or the church in the event of an emergency.

SPRING LOBSTER FEST

Saturday, June 13, 5:30-7:00 pm. Eat in or carry out. Orders need to be received not later than Wednesday, June 10. Call the church office (301-223-8887) to place your order. Lobster dinner: \$45, Lobster roll dinner, \$35, Beef brisket dinner, \$30, cooked whole lobster, \$40.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The Presbyterian Men will meet on Tuesday, June 16 at 11:00 am and at 7:00 pm. There will be a Bible Study, fellowship, and prayer. The morning group will go to The Williamsport Diner after the Bible Study. The evening group will share in a meal at 6:00 pm at the home of Jeff & Ethan Telemeco with Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

After taking a break to “recuperate” from our amazingly successful 2025 Christmas Bazaar last November, our craft group is now back at work creating crafts for our 2026 Bazaar (scheduled for November 13th & 14th.) It seems like a long way off, but time flies when you’re having fun! And we do have fun together!

Join us every other Monday morning from 9:30am-12pm in Friendship Hall. Bring along ideas and/or materials if you have them or come and see what we have “in the works” that you can be part of. We’d love to have your input! Copies of our schedule for the year are on the Presbyterian Women’s bulletin board in the hallway --- feel free to take one with you. See you at our next gathering

MISSION WEEK

We will have a mission week in the county again this year. The week will be July 20-24. The day will begin at 8:30 with breakfast and worship led by the CCO team and His Message band. We will then go to people’s homes and do yard work and whatever needs to be done. We will serve at the REACH shelter as well as a local camp. We plan on doing some street ministry as well as a morning in the park. In addition to this, we will have some projects at the church. Please sign up on the sheet in the parlor if you plan on attending.

At the end of the week, there will be a special trip for those interested. Each day that you attend will be 10% per day off the cost of the trip. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Clothing Collection for Mission Week Clean out your closets and drawers! Clothing will be given away during the CCO Mission Week at the Food Pantry in Williamsport. Put any donations in the box marked Mission Week outside the office. Thank you for supporting this Outreach Mission

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

The Annual State Church Women United Meeting will be held on June 20, 2026 at Beaver Creek COB from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. A continental breakfast and a light lunch will be served. Cost to attend is \$15.

Please make a reservation with Debbie Keefer at 301-988-2928 or dakeefer@hotmail.com by Friday June 12.

The Fall Fellowship and Human Rights Celebration will be held at Downsville Christian Church on September 18, 2026 from 6-8 pm. Women of DCC and the hospitality committee will host the event.

*Kenny Carter
Courtney Corkery
John Harbaugh*

*Allison Yoder
Tom Young*

Have fun with this month's Word Search. When completed, please place it in the office on the Secretary's desk, by the 15th. Make sure your name is on the Word Search.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Co-chairs of the Search Committee, Jerred Brown and Lisa Scumpieru have led the members through the applications and narrowed them down to 10 candidates who will be first interviewed virtually.

The virtual interviews took place on May 20, 27 and on June on the 3rd. The members will decide who will be interviewed in person. The committee will continue to review new applications. Note: The funding for the addition of an Assistant Pastor is not coming from the church budget but from funds given for ministry.

V.B.S.

V.B.S. is almost here: Here are a few reminders:

- * The T-Shirts are ready! If you have not picked up your t-shirt yet, please do so in the hallway. If you cannot find yours, please write your name and size that you will need on the paper provided. Please note: All the students shirts are yellow. The staff shirts are burgundy.
- * If you have signed up to bring a snack item, please bring your items in by June 4th. You can place your items in the kitchen labeled V.B.S.
- * Make sure that you have signed up for V.B.S. if you plan on attending. Place your registration form in the basket provided by the newsletter in the parlor or directly on the secretary's desk. We want to make sure we have everything ready to go the first night for all our students. Please note: If you are an adult attending Pastor Mark's Class you do not need to register.
- * Help! Help is always needed! To run a smooth and effective V.B.S. we need all hands on board! If you have not signed up to volunteer, please consider before leaving today to look at the sign up sheet and see where you can help out. If you are not able to come each day, no worries. We are just appreciative of you coming any day that you are available. Any questions, please see Annette.

We are getting so excited about this year's V.B.S. Illumination Station, **Jesus Is The Light Of the World**. In a world that can seem crazy and chaotic, Jesus lights our way and guides our path each and everyday.

Save These Dates:

V.B.S. Set-Up Party on June 7th from 4-7 pm. We need a lot of people to help us set up for a very busy week of V.B.S. We will gather in the Legacy Hall for a brief meeting followed by instructions to what needs to be done. Dinner will be served at 5:30, thank you, Fellowship Committee. At 6:00 the Youth Group will host some fun outside games for all the kids. I hope that you can join us as we prepare for a great week at V.B.S. as well as have a great meal and time together.

V.B.S. June 8th-12th, 6:00-8:00 pm

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Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates:

Zaine Beaver

Congratulation to Zaine Beaver for graduating from the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts. Zaine has a passion for the arts and plans on attending the Maryland Institute College of Art. Upon graduation from college Zaine would like to be a professional photographer for Vogue magazine. Zaine shares his musical talent here at St. Andrew by singing in our choir and being a substitute for our handbell choir.

Zaine has recently joined our church and has become very active in the ministry of St. Andrew. Zaine will be working with our V.B.S. Program this summer. He also assists in the younger Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings. He is an active member of our Youth Program and has taught lessons for the Youth Group.

Zaine, we are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. What a blessing you have been to our ministry at St. Andrew. Our prayers go with you as you start a new and exciting chapter in your life.

Andrew Dayhoff

Congratulation to Andrew Dayhoff for graduating from Williamsport High School. During the summer, Andrew will be working at Burger King as a cook. Andrew plans on attending James Rumsey Technical School and plans to become a licensed electrician. Wow! What a wonderful goal to achieve, Andrew. We are so proud of you! We may give you some business once you become a licensed electrician. Let us know!

Pastor Mark had the honor to baptize Andrew in the Potomac River. What a wonderful and moving event that was for Andrew and for all those watching this very special baptism.

Andrew, you are in our thoughts and prayers as you embark on this new and exciting adventure in your life. May God lead and direct you each and every day!

Jeremy Hemphill

Congratulations to Jeremy Hemphill for graduating from Heritage Academy. Jeremy was selected as Valedictorian, #1, in his class. Wow! Jeremy we are so proud of you! Next year Jeremy will be attending Ohio University and will pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemistry. This summer Jeremy will be working at 7/10 Bowling Alley.

It has been such a joy watching Jeremy grow up in the church. Jeremy was a very faithful member of Kids of the Kingdom when he was younger and was an acolyte on Sunday mornings. He has always been involved in Sunday School throughout all the years of attending St. Andrew. Jeremy is an active member of our Youth Group and has served as an officer in the Youth Group. Jeremy has also attended our Mission Trip to Big Creek and has served in that community. Jeremy has served as a Youth Elder at our church. Thank you, Jeremy

for your active involvement in our church and in the various programs that we offer. We also want to thank you for your ministry at our church. We are so blessed by your servant's heart.

Jeremy, we wish you the very best on this new adventure in your life. We pray that God will lead and direct you each and every day. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers as you start a new and exciting chapter in your life.

Grace McDonald

Congratulations to Grace McDonald from graduating for the Home School Program as well as H.C.C. Dual Enrollment Program. She is graduating with honors from H.C.C. Grace was also a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. We are so proud of you Grace, for all your achievements. This fall Grace will be attending Hood College to finish her Bachelors Degree in English Literature. Grace would eventually like to go into education or into the field of ministry.

Grace has been attending St. Andrew for the last 6 years. She has blessed all of us with her gift of service and teaching/preaching. Grace has preached several times at St. Andrew. Her amazing preaching has branched out and she preaches once a month at Hancock Presbyterian Church. Grace has a gift for teaching and is a substitute Sunday School teacher, a Deacon, will be teaching V.B.S. and teaches youth lessons as well. Her gift of service is displayed as she is an active member of the CCO mission ministry. She is currently planning a Mission Week for our church to be involved in this summer. Grace has always been very active in our youth group and has attended the Youth Group Mission trip in Kentucky. She has served the community and children of Big Creek.

Thank you Grace for your ministry, passion and love for serving Jesus. What a blessing you have been to our ministry here at St. Andrew. May the Lord continue to guide and direct your paths to serve Him. Our prayers go with you as you begin this new chapter in your life.

Will McKinley

Congratulations to Will McKinley for graduating from North High and the Dual Program at H.C.C. as well. This fall Will be attending H.C.C. He is planning on getting a Bachelor's Degree in Business. His dream is to someday open up a music store.

Will has been attending St. Andrew since he was little. It has been such a joy watching Will grow up in the church. He has always been very active in Sunday School, Kids of the Kingdom, and Youth Group. Will is now part of the His Message, the Praise Band that we have at St. Andrew. He plays the guitar. For the past 2 years the congregation has been blessed by the dynamic sermons that Will preached on Easter at the Sunrise service. Will has also participated in Youth Sunday as well as help out with VBS skits.

Will, we are so proud of you and all your achievements. What a joy watching you grow up in the church. Thank you for your love and service that you have for our church. We wish you the very best in the future. May God continually guide and direct your steps each and everyday!