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An inclusive Community Rooted in God's Incredible Love

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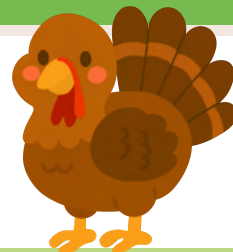
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November 2025



NOVEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS



Lunch
Time

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON NOVEMBER 9, 2025 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Join us for a pot-luck Stewardship luncheon on November 9th following worship to celebrate the many ways God works through us. Stay tuned for more information on the luncheon.

BINGO NIGHT NOVEMBER 15, 2025 AT 6PM

Join us for a fun filled Bingo Night with all proceeds going towards this missions of St. Andrew's. See further information later in the newsletter to purchase tickets.



J.T. BANKERS DINE AND DONATE NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 5-9PM

Join us at J.T. Bankers restaurant in Sellersville for dinner on November 18th. A portion of each dinner sale will be donated to St. Andrew's! Come enjoy some fellowship, fun and good food all while supporting St. Andrew's.

JOINT THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE NOVEMBER 26TH AT 7PM AT ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN

Join us at 7pm on Thanksgiving Eve for a joint service with our sister church St. Andrew's Lutheran church on Dill Avenue (just a few blocks away). A joint choir will praise the Lord together. Please see Robert if you are interested in participating in the joint choir.





PASTORS MESSAGE

ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING IN GENEROSITY

We have entered the season of stewardship to prepare for ministry in 2026. Our theme is "Rooted in Faith, Growing in Generosity." Like a tree planted by streams of water, our congregation is firmly rooted in God's love and continues to grow in faith and bear fruit.

Each week in worship we are exploring what it means to be rooted in God's abundance, nurtured in community, growing in generosity, and bearing fruit to tend to the present and seed the future. Together, we will add leaves and fruit to our "Tree of Blessings and Generosity" as a visual reminder of how our gifts seed the ministries of good news we share in the name of Jesus Christ.



On Stewardship Sunday, November 9, we will celebrate the many ways God is at work among us and present our financial and time and talent pledges for 2026. Your commitment supports everything from worship and pastoral care to mission outreach and community ministries. Following worship you are invited to stay for a celebration luncheon.

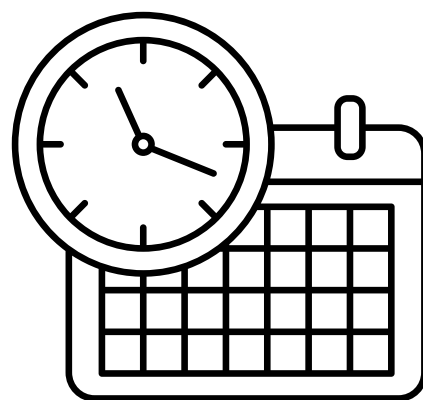
Stewardship is not just about paying the bills. It's about gratitude, community, and faith. Each gift we bring helps St. Andrew's grow in love, service and witness. Together, rooted in faith, we are growing in generosity. Please pray about your giving, and consider how you can participate in faith and generosity.

Pastor Barb



OCTOBER MEETING CONSISTORY REPORT

Consistory members reviewed the recent successful projects and thanked the leaders of those projects for not only organizing the projects, but for the goodwill and recognition we received from the community. St. Andrews will continue to be a hub of activity for the rest of 2025 with at least eight projects including a Bingo Night (11/15), Operation Christmas Child (11/16), Dine and Donate at TJ Bankers (11/18), and Pie/Mincemeat sale (11/22) in November. Check the details for these projects and our December activities listed throughout this newsletter.



Consistory also began discussing what our 2026 budget will look like and examined the church expenses to see where we can reduce costs to fall within the anticipated income stream for 2026. Consistory will also continue to look at a long-range plan with another planning retreat scheduled for January 31, 2026.

We look forward to seeing our members as they participate in the church life during the Fall and Advent seasons.

Consistory Members 2025:

Elders- Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson, Ron Grace, and Doris Lindmeier
Deacons- Tara Howell, Erin Rush, Robert Creager, Lance Ide, Herb Volk (Vice-President), and Cindy Grace.

A REFLECTION ON BACK BAY MISSIONS

Throughout the mission trip, the word that kept pulling at my heart was "friendship".

Being with a group of people who I did not know well in a novel environment had me question for a short time what I had agreed to. But, I kept reminding myself that going on a mission trip had been on my mind. I knew once the opportunity presented itself, I had to faithfully accept it.

The action of "friendship" was present before the trip even started. Although I had only recently become involved with St. Andrew's, I was treated like a friend and invited to join the mission trip. I received trust and compassion at that time, as the rest of the group did not know me well, either.

Once we arrived in Mississippi and started learning about the community we were there to serve, I knew I wanted an open and honest experience. The best way for open and honest experience was to assess my frame of mind; intentional interactions, attitude of servitude.

Yes, we were there to serve a specific population, but at the core we are all the same, regardless of our circumstances. We are all looking for friendship in some form, and for me, that was the common tie between not only the community we were serving, but the mission team from St. Andrew's. Not only did that perspective allow me to have meaningful interactions, but it also gave me a lens from which to view my contributions. Being on the mission trip was an opportunity to challenge myself to be a friend and accept friendship.

Learning about the different circumstances in which those we served were living was humbling. But, as much as I was there to answer a call, I know a call for myself was answered. Being accepted as a friend and being a friend is a two-way street. No strings attached, no expectations, just a simple act of using your own aptitudes to support another.

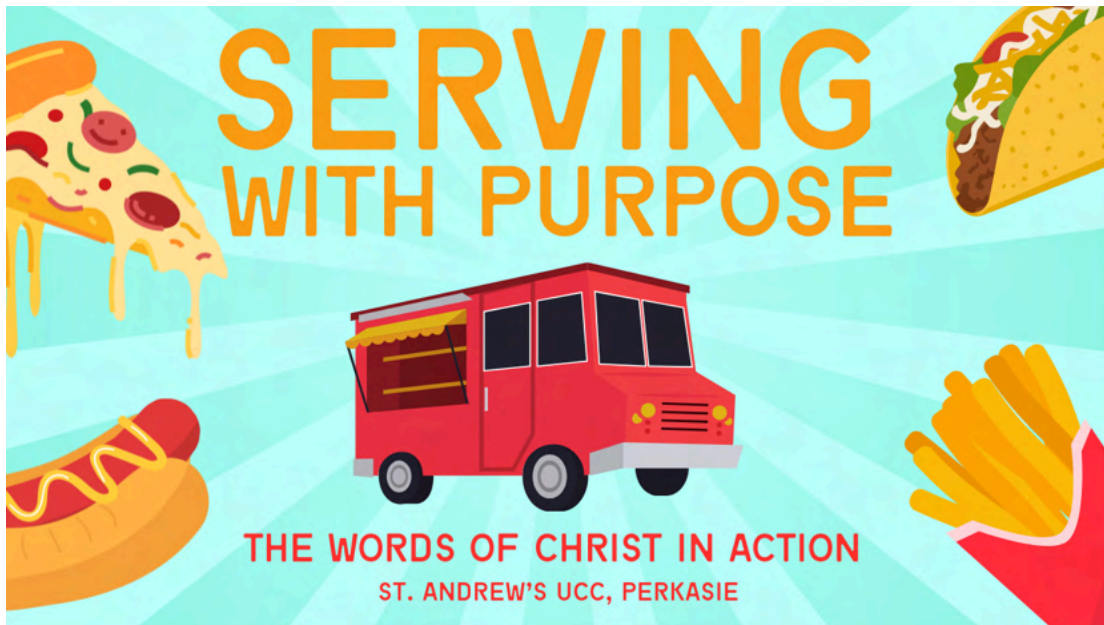
Kelly Finno



FAITH FORMATION



All children 3 years old through 5th Grade are invited to our weekly faith formation hour from 9-10am. Each week children will be engaged in a lively lesson from the new testament scriptures through play, games, music, science, art, and more. We are excited to be sharing monthly themes this year and starting a weekly online message on our social media pages each Wednesday! We can't wait to explore the gospel with our young disciples!



Join us in November for Serving with a Purpose: The words of Christ in Action for our faith formation hour for our young disciples. Lessons for this month are:

November 2- Feeding the 5000

John 6:1-21

November 16- Thanksgiving Basket Creation

Assist in putting together Thanksgiving baskets.

November 9- Our Daily Bread

John 21:1-17

November 23- Mission of the Seventy

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

November 30- Advent 1: Swords and Plowshares

Isaiah 2:1-5



Circle Process
St. Andrew's UCC

We start with a gathering time between 8:45 and 9:00. Adult Circle starts promptly at 9. If you are running late, we ask that you enter quietly and join the circle. Utilizing Circle Process we come together to share and listen to each other related to the book we are studying. We are currently studying the book *Fierce* by Alice Connor. Contact Karen Peterson at 267-664-0341 or kapcharlkp@gmail.com

MISSION MOMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again St. Andrew's will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes for children are filled with age appropriate gifts and sent all over the world for those in need. Operation Christmas Child not only delivers the joy for what many kids is their first gift ever but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

Shoeboxes will be available October 19th in fellowship hall with instructions. Shoeboxes are due back no later than November 16th.

Any questions- contact Deb Kantner.



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We will be putting together Thanksgiving Baskets again this year. We are trying something new. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall to sign up for the food you would like to purchase and donate. That way we will have more complete baskets. Our goal is to put together 20 baskets. These baskets are then distributed in our community. Please consider signing up to donate to this cause. We will be putting these baskets together on November 16th so please have your donations here by that morning. Thank you for your support.



Items that will need to be purchased:

Boxed mashed potatoes
Applesauce
Stuffing mix
Gravy
Canned fruit
Durkee type fried onions

Canned vegetables
Cream soups
Canned yams/sweet potatoes
Muffin and cookie mixes
Cranberry sauce
Canned string beans
Canned corn

MINCEMEAT AND PIE MAKING

Culinary team invites anyone who would like to help make the MINCE MEAT to join us on Thursday, November 6. Bring your apple peelers, and favorite peeling knife to peel apples in preparation. Start time is 8 AM. This is a FUN and FELLOWSHIP event!!! Let Ken Barndt know if you are able to help *(215 257 7063 or blumenridge@comcast.net)

Many 'peelers' make light work**** Bless you for considering.

NOTE TO ST. ANDREW'S BAKERS: pie baking, apple dumpling making, mince meat pie making, etc., and other preparations for November 22nd HOLIDAY PIES AND SOUP DAY will be on Thursday, Nov., 20 and Friday, Nov., 21 begin at 8 AM.



ST. ANDREW'S UCC
 HARVEST
PIES AND SOUPS

SAT. NOVEMBER 22 | 10-NOON
ST. ANDREW'S UCC, 615 E. WALNUT STREET, PERKASIE

HOMEMADE SOUP \$7.00 QUART
VEGETABLE BEEF AND CHICKEN NOODLE

FRESH MADE MINCE MEAT \$7.50 PER POUND (2 POUNDS MAKE 9" PIE)

PIES FOR SALE

MINCE MEAT PIES:	SMALL	\$8.00
	9" PIE	\$15.00
APPLE CRUMB	9" PIE	\$12.00
PUMPKIN	9" PIE	\$12.00
SHOO FLY PIE	9" PIE	\$15.00
FUNNY CAKE PIE	9" PIE	\$15.00

APPLE DUMPLINGS 6.00

PREORDERS APPRECIATED CALL KEN AT
(215)-257-7063



Join us for The Witting Tree

Nov. 1 - 11 at 7 AM

Outside St. Andrew's UCC, Perkasio



We hang 22 sets of dog tags each day to bear witness to the suicide rate amongst veterans and service members that is twice as high as their civilian counterparts.

Two tags are hung on a twine in a set remembering two tags are worn so that a body of the fallen can be tracked and accounted for. We hang a set indicating the wearer had not been killed in action. Still the trauma of their experience brought a tragic end to their lives.

We stand in silent witness that their lives are not forgotten and in hope of the day when peace will prevail.

A service will follow hanging of tags on November 11th.

JOE LEPOSA PIANO CONCERT

Saturday, January 10, 2026 | 7:30 PM

www.standrewsucc.org



More Christmas with Robert



An Organ Concert by our very own Robert Creager

December 7th at 4pm

St. Andrew's UCC Perkasio

NEW ADDRESSES

Susan Krass

3250 State Rd. #PC2208

Sellersville PA 18960



Tara Howell

2010 Upper Ridge Rd

Green Lane, PA 18054

6PM | SAT. NOV. 15, 2025

Contact Jen Flexer if you are interested in helping out!

ONA TEAM UPDATE

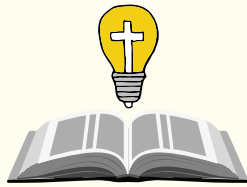
Thank you to Angela Stofflet for the testimony she shared in worship a few weeks ago. Remember, based on her "test" we all know people who are included on the ONA DRAFT Covenant. We are more similar to the listed groups in the DRAFT ONA Covenant than we may realize. If you did not see the testimony, it can be seen in the October 5th church service on YouTube.

We have an exciting Bible study coming up in November. On November 10 at 7pm, Pastor Barb will be leading a Clobber Verse Bible Study. The verses that will be studied are First Corinthians 6:9 and First Timothy 1:10. This Bible Study is important because Pastor Barb demonstrates how translation can affect the meaning of these passages which is different than the original Greek or Hebrew meaning. For example, did you know that the word "homosexual" was not used in the Bible until 1946? Come out and enjoy this fascinating Bible study.

The ONA team will spend a good deal of its time digesting the results of the ONA Feedback so more on that in the coming months. Thanks to all those that participated in the ONA Feedback. We had 29 respondents!

Although things will slow down for the ONA team as we approach the Holiday season, we have an exciting activity planned for January. As you may or may not know, Zwingli UCC in Souderton is an Open and Affirming congregation. The St. Andrew's ONA team has had a very enlightening meeting with them about their experience becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. In January, Zwingli UCC members will be coming to speak to the congregation during worship about how they are living into being an Open and Affirming congregation. After service, we will have refreshments and a Q & A session with the Zwingli UCC folks so you can ask questions about their experiences. Look out for more exciting events as the New Year unfolds!

We will continue to bring you helpful information about the Open and Affirming process in our monthly Newsletter articles throughout the Holiday season.



"CLOBBER PASSAGES" BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Barb

For many of us, Scripture is a foundational part of how we understand and live out our faith in the world. Just as there are many English translations, there are a variety of interpretations of the Scriptures, themselves. What we've learned about Scripture depends on the worldview, beliefs and mindsets of translators, interpreters, and the worldview, beliefs and mindsets of those teaching us as well as our own.

Some things I learned when I was young in Sunday school taught by very faithful and good teachers, I had to unlearn when I went to seminary. In seminary we did deeper dives into the Scripture taking into account the translations from Hebrew and Greek, the culture of the Biblical time, the motivations of the original writers, and changing interpretations due to how Scripture was used to address circumstances of the faithful in different time periods and the current time.

As we explore how we are being led to be an inclusive community and considering the LGBTQIA2S+ community as a place to start, you might be wondering what exactly does the Bible say about it? I'll be leading a series of Bible studies to engage Scripture on what is traditionally called "the clobber passages", those passages used as "prooftext" to condemn homosexuality. Let's explore it together.

Join me on Monday, November 10 at 7 PM. We'll be looking at 1 Corinthians 6:9 and 1 Timothy 1:10.

ONA Team Meeting Dates:

Nov. 18, Jan. 13 - All are welcome to join!

If you have any questions about our work or have any ideas about what type of educational opportunities you would be interested in attending, please reach out to any member of our core team. Our members include Jessica Reese, Lee Metzger, Lance and Robin Ide, Karen Peterson, Tara Howell, Robert Creager, Debbie Kantner, Erin Rush, Doris Lindmeier, Angela Stofflet, and Evie Starkey.



GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE



GIVE WITH A JOYFUL HEART



Scan the qr code with
your phone camera to
give online!

Want to give via Check?

Mail your check or bring it with you the next time you
come to St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's UCC
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Save
THE
Date



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| Dec. 7 | Advent Workshop |
| Dec. 7 | A Concert with Robert |
| Dec. 14 | Philadelphia Bronze Concert |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Service |
| Jan. 10 | Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner 4:30-6:30 and Piano Concert by Joe LePosa at 7:30pm |
| Jan. 31 | Consistory Long Range Planning Retreat |
| March 7 | Charlie Zahm Concert |
| March 23 | Perk Dine and Donate 5-9pm |
| June 22-26 | Mission Week (more to come) |
| July 13-17 | Growing Peace Vacation Bible school |

SERVING SCHEDULES

USHERS

November

*Head Ushers: Lee Metzger
& Tara Howell*

2- Ruth Yothers & Open

9- Robin & Lance Ide

16- Karen & Brian Rush

23- Amy & Jim Smith

30- Erin Rush & Karen Peterson

Dec. 7- Linda Brickajlik & Ron Grace



LITURGIST

November

2- Lee Metzger

9- Brian Rush

16- Tara Howell

23- Robin Ide

30- Kathy Fretz

Dec. 7- Karen Gossard

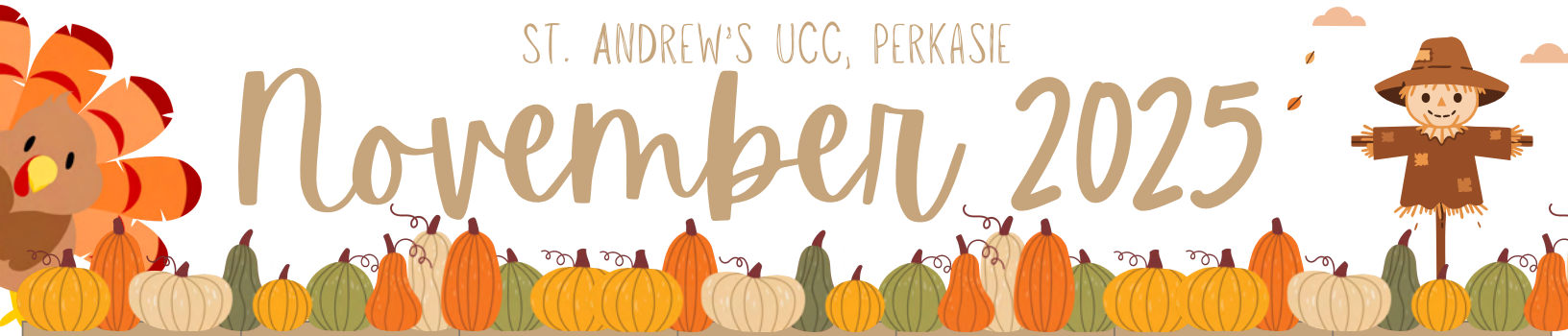
November Communion Servers

Tara Howell/Doris Lindmeier

November Alter Guild

Brab Kieffer, Karen Gossard, & Lois-Ann Barndt

November 2025



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						 Witting Tree Daily 7am Nov. 1-11 Fellowship Hall Rental 1-4pm
8:45 Adult Circle 9:00 Faith Formation 10:15 Worship with All Saints Celebration and Bell Choir Performance 		10:15am Bible Study Veterans Group 4-8pm	8:30am Coffee & Conversations 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	 8am Mincemeat / Pie Making 6:30pm Bell Choir		
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