ROOTED

An inclusive Community Rooted in God's Incredible Love

ST. ANDREW'S UCC, PERKASIE, PA

An Open and Affirming Congregation



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October 2026

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 1PM IN THE PAVILLION





RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 8AM-1PM

Bring your rummage by October 7th for our sale. The sale will be held 8am-1pm on the 10th with baked goods for sale as well. If you have questions please see Angela Stofflet.

CRAZY SOCK SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH DURING WORSHIP

Wear your crazy socks to church and bring a pair of mens socks to donate for our neighbors without homes.





ROOTED AND RISING FAMILY FUN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH FROM 4-5:30

Bible stories, songs, crafts, missions, games, and more! Come enjoy pizza dinner and time together.

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FROM 4-6PM

If you'd like to bring a 'trunk' or donate some treats please contact Karen Gossard. We look forward to a night full of costumes and fun.





PASTORS MESSAGE

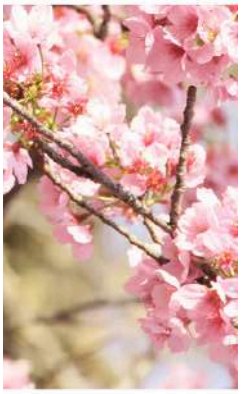
A SEASON OF LETTING GO

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
-Ecclesiastes 3:1



Autumn is my favorite time of year. The trees spend the spring reaching toward the light and the summer growing into fullness. Then, almost imperceptibly, the season begins to change. The leaves turn brilliant colors, and eventually, one by one, they let go. Trees don't fight the changing season trying to hold onto every leaf. They release what they've carried through the summer and stand for a while with empty branches. They trust this is not the end of their story.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that life comes in seasons: "a time to plant, and a time to uproot...at time to keep, and a time to throw away." We often celebrate the seasons of planting and growing, beginning and becoming. We also celebrate harvests. We don't celebrate trees and plants letting go for another season especially when we have to rake leaves and clean out gardens. Yet, letting go is a holy season of faith.



Letting go can be a struggle and yet when we do we make space for something new. Holding onto old hurts, regret, fears, or an expectation of how life was supposed to unfold, keeps us from healing and having space for something new to take root. Letting go can be scary because we are so used to holding onto things, that we've forgotten what it feels like to set them down.

The same holds true in the life of the church. Recently, we made the difficult but hopeful decision to let go of our traditional Sunday Spiritual Nurture program for children. It served us faithfully for many years but it was no longer working in the way we hoped. Letting go of something with such a long history that it felt like it would always be a part of us is not easy. Yet, sometimes faithfulness means recognizing when a ministry has completed its season and trusting God enough to make room for something new.



This month, a new ministry is beginning to grow through Rooted and Rising Family Ministries. Families will gather once a month for community, learning, and growing together. During the weeks in between, families will have opportunities to explore Scripture at home through Bible lessons, crafts, and discussions around the table. It's a small reminder that letting go means making room.

The leaves that fall from trees are not wasted. They return to the earth and become part of the nourishment that will sustain future growth. In much the same way, something that served us one season can become part of the wisdom and experience that helps us grow into the next season.



This is true for all of us. There are things that we as individuals, the church, and society need to release but when the leaves are gone, the branches look bare and vulnerable, so instead we try to hold on. The tree knows something we forget: letting go can be act of faith. The bare branches are making room. Underneath the soil, roots remain. And somewhere in the quiet of winter, the next season is already being prepared.

As we enter this autumn season, let us ask ourselves what God is inviting us to release, to loosen our grip on so that something new can grow? What we release today may become the soil from which tomorrow's growth begins.

Pastor Barb



SEPTEMBER CONSISTORY REPORT

Consistory spent significant time this month reflecting on the financial health and future of St. Andrew's. We are grateful that the first two quarters of 2026 brought strong giving, allowing us to meet or exceed many of our financial commitments. September, however, has been more challenging, and we have seen a decrease in giving that has created a financial deficit we will need to address together.

As a community of Christ, our stewardship makes it possible for us to continue the ministries, missions, worship, fellowship, and care that are at the heart of St. Andrew's. We invite each of you to prayerfully consider how you are able to support St. Andrew's financially through regular giving. Every gift, large or small, helps us live out our calling together and continue being a church rooted in God's inclusive love.

One significant building need we are currently addressing is the replacement of our aging oil boiler that serves the sanctuary side of our building. We are working on installing a new boiler system but this is a substantial investment. We are incredibly grateful that a generous donor has offered to cover a portion of the project. We will still need the faithful support of our congregation to fully fund this project while continuing to care for our building and meet our other ministry needs. We give thanks for the ways God continues to provide for St. Andrew's and for the generosity of this congregation.

We are also excited to share that Consistory has approved the final revisions to our long-range plan. Our five-year strategic plan, which has been more than a year in the making, will be available to the congregation in mid-October. We will also provide a one-page overview highlighting some of the major goals and opportunities ahead.

Our plan is not meant to be a rigid blueprint. Like our congregation, it will continue to grow and change as we listen for where the Spirit is leading us. It does, however, give us a roadmap for strengthening our ministries, creating new opportunities for growth, improving our financial stability and structure, and ensuring a strong future for St. Andrew's.

Our new Inclusion Team will meet for the first time on October 6 at 7 p.m. This team will continue the work of our former Open & Affirming Team now that we have ratified our covenant and are moving forward as an Open & Affirming congregation.

Among their first priorities will be planning our Open & Affirming celebration on November 8, including a time of worship and a food-centered celebration afterward. The team will also explore ongoing educational opportunities, local advocacy, and ways we can continue living into our covenant through more inclusive language and visuals throughout our church documentation, logo, media, and website.

There is so much to look forward to at St. Andrew's! Consistory has also been discussing opportunities for worship, fellowship, service, and celebration throughout the remainder of fall and into the Advent season. More exciting Advent plans will be shared soon.

In the weeks ahead, we have a full calendar of opportunities to connect, including the Blessing of the Animals, Loraine's 100th birthday celebration, Crazy Sock Sunday, Bingo Night, our fall pie sale, Rooted & Rising family ministry nights, Bible Study, Coffee & Conversation, rummage sales, and so much more.

We are grateful for the many ways each of you contributes to the life of St. Andrew's. Whether through your prayers, time, talents, financial gifts, participation, or simply showing up and sharing God's love with one another, you are part of what makes this community special.

We continue to be excited about where the Spirit is leading St. Andrew's. As we look toward the future, may we remain rooted in God's inclusive love, open to where the Spirit is calling us, and committed to embracing the incredible love of Christ together.

Consistory Members 2026:

Elders- , Karen Peterson, Ron Grace, Tara Howell and Doris Lindmeier

Deacons- Erin Rush, Lance Ide, Herb Volk (Vice President) , Amanda Duffy (President), Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Evie Starkey and Cindy Grace.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



"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

St. Andrew's needs everyone to prayerfully consider their giving as a part of their membership and commitment to the work of St. Andrew's.

Our General Fund is currently $12,447 behind budgeted giving for the year. We need approximately $16,400 each month to meet our regular expenses, and we are currently about $1,500 short each month.

In addition, we are facing the significant cost of replacing our church boiler. We have been blessed by a generous donor and memorial funds that have helped us begin this project, but the remaining cost will need to be funded through the generosity of givers like you.

Every giving unit can make a difference. An additional 10% per month from each giving unit would help us reach our $16,400 monthly goal and begin closing the current gap.

Examples of monthly giving		10% increase
	$ 1,500.00	$ 1,650.00
	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,100.00
	$ 400.00	$ 440.00
	$ 250.00	$ 275.00
	$ 100.00	$ 110.00
	$ 70.00	$ 77.00
	$ 60.00	$ 66.00
	$ 50.00	$ 55.00
	$ 15.00	$ 16.50
	$ 5.00	$ 5.50
all others giving ranges	$ 11,450.00	$ 12,595.00
	$ 14,900.00	$ 16,400.00

We ask you to prayerfully look at your current giving and consider whether you are able to increase your weekly or monthly contribution. If you are not currently giving, we invite you to begin. Every gift, large or small, helps St. Andrew's meet its financial responsibilities and continue the ministries, worship, outreach, and mission that serve our congregation and community.

St. Andrew's needs all of us. Our financial future is a shared responsibility, and together we can ensure that our church remains a place where God's inclusive love is lived out through worship, ministry, mission, and community.

An additional letter with further details about our financial needs, the boiler project, and ways you can help will be coming to the congregation in the coming weeks.
If you have any questions or concerns please contact Amanda Duffy, consistory president or Jen Flexer, treasurer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLESSING THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 4, 2025 AT 1PM

GATHER AT ST. ANDREW'S UCC, PERKASIE'S PAVILION
615 E. WALNUT STREET, PERKASIE, PA



WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

October 4th at 10:15am





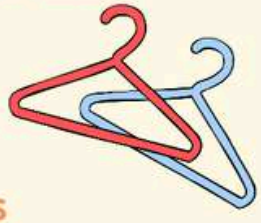
THE WITTING TREE

November 1-11 at 7am Daily

ST. ANDREW'S UCC, PERKASIE

RUMMAGE SALE





MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!

COME FIND YOUR NEW TREASURES

8am-1pm • October 10th • 615 E. Walnut Street, Perkasie

Trunk or Treat

St. Andrew's UCC, 615 E. Walnut Street, Perkasie, PA

Saturday, October 24th, 4-6pm

Fall Fun Activities, Costumes & more!

THANKSGIVING PIE SALE

Monday
November 23rd
4-6pm



More info to come

RamPacks

BINGO FUNDRAISER

Gift Cards • Cash Prizes • 50/50 • Raffle Baskets

Saturday
October 10, 2026
Games Begin @ 1:00pm
Doors Open @ 12:00pm

Sellersville Moose Lodge
301 W. Park Ave.
Sellersville, PA 18960

$30 in advance
$35 at the door
Venmo or Checks payable to RamPacks
104 Green Street, Sellersville PA 18960

@Rampacks

- Open to the public
- Bingo Daubers $2 or bring your own
- Food will be available for purchase

venmo

No outside food or drinks permitted
RamPacks is the only organization selling tickets for this event.
No vendor spots at this fundraiser.

Crazy Socks Day

Sunday, October 18th during Worship

The Mission Resource Team is collecting new plain men's socks for the Urban Cupboard/Homeless Shelter at Old First Church in Philadelphia. Here are a few reasons why socks are important for the homeless.

Socks are the item of clothing most needed in homeless shelters, but they're the least donated. New socks contribute to better mobility and minimize the possibility of frostbite. New socks reduce the risk of cellulitis, impetigo, fungal infections, trench foot, and skin breakdowns. Wearing clean, dry socks helps prevent foot ailments and protects against cold, wetness, blisters, and other issues.

Let's see how many pairs of socks we can collect!!
A donation bin is located in fellowship hall. Donations will be received until November 1st. Thanks for your support!
Wear your crazy socks to church on Sunday, October 18th!



ST. ANDREW'S TRADITIONAL MINCEMEAT SALE

Made with Real Meat

$8 per pound (2 lbs makes 9" pie)

$18 Homemade Pie 9"
$10 Homemade Pie 6"

To Order call Ken @ 215-257-7063

BINGO NIGHT

Saturday November 7, 2026
Doors Open at 6:00pm
Bingo starts at 6:30pm

St. Andrew's UCC
615 E. Walnut Street
Perkasie, PA 18944

PRE-REGISTER BY CALLING 267-664-0231
PRE-REGISTRATION STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

Cost to Play

$30.00 FOR 1 BOOKLET OF 10 GAMES
$10.00 FOR ADDITIONAL BOOKLET
$35.00 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR TILL SOLD OUT

Prizes include gift cards, baskets and other merchandise

Proceeds to benefit Missions of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ
HOT DOGS, DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.
More information: Call Karen at 267-664-0231

Rooted & Rising

St. Andrew's UCC Kids

Rooted in Love ❤ Rising Together in Christ.

We are so excited to begin this new ministry at St. Andrew's and invite families from our congregation and wider community to join us for our first Rooted & Rising gathering on ***Sunday, October 18, from 4:00–5:30 PM!***

Our theme for October is Growing in Courage: God Is Always With Us! Together, we'll explore the story of David and Goliath and discover what it means to have courage when we face something that feels big or scary.

Our afternoon will include:

🙏 A short, interactive family worship time
📖 Storytelling and Scripture
🎶 Music and singing
🎨 A creative craft
🎲 Games and activities
🫶 Mission-based activities that help us share God's love with others
🍕 And we'll finish our time together with a pizza dinner!

Rooted & Rising is a space for children, parents, grandparents, caregivers, and our whole church community to learn, grow, worship, serve, and have fun together. We can't wait to see where this new ministry grows!

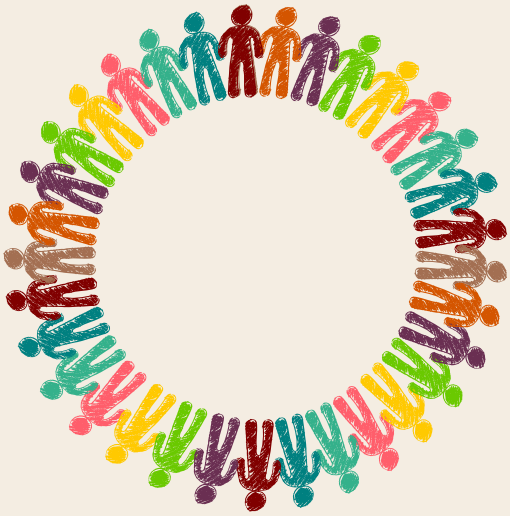
Watch your emails for this months virtual activities for families! They will be in your inbox by October 4th!



ROOTED IN INCLUSION

INCLUSION TEAM UPDATE

Our Inclusion Team will begin meeting on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM as we continue living into St. Andrew's commitment to being a welcoming and affirming community.



The team's initial goals will include planning our November 8 celebration, exploring ongoing educational opportunities focused on diverse and marginalized communities, continuing local advocacy and allyship, and further living into our covenant through updated inclusive language and visuals throughout our church documentation, logos, media, and website.

If you are interested in being part of the Inclusion Team, please contact Amanda Duffy or Pastor Barb. All are welcome to join us as we continue growing in God's inclusive love!

The inclusion team includes: Tara Howell, Karen Peterson, Pastor Barb Pence, Erin Rush, Brynne Stork, Angela Stofflet, Herb Volk



HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH HOME SHINING

Our faithful cleaning team does an important job helping to care for and maintain our church home, and they are looking for a few additional volunteers to join them!

Volunteers typically help with basic cleaning tasks such as vacuuming, dusting, mopping, and cleaning the bathrooms to keep our church home sparkling clean. Depending on the number of volunteers and everyone's availability, the commitment would generally be once every 4–8 weeks.

If you are willing to lend a hand and help care for our shared church home, please contact Evie Starkey. Every helping hand makes a difference!



Neighbors in Need

Special Offering

Sunday, October 4th

Neighbors in Need" Offering October 4 Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, with one-third of the offering given to the Council for American Indian Ministries and the remaining two-thirds supporting UCC justice ministries. In 2025, the Neighbors in Need Offering supported 26 grant recipients across the UCC who were engaged in projects of direct service and advocacy. We will receive this offering on Sunday, October 4 (though we'll welcome your contributions throughout the month of October). Thanks for your generosity!

Learn more at www.ucc.org/nin



THE TECH TEAM NEEDS YOU!

If you can use a phone app and are willing to learn something new, you can help! We are looking for members to assist with changing slides on our sanctuary screens each week using a simple phone app. You can even sit wherever you'd like during worship!

We are also looking for volunteers to help run our weekly livestream. Training will be provided, along with easy-to-follow printed directions to guide you through the process each Sunday morning.

No tech expertise required–just a willingness to learn and help! If you're interested, please let Amanda Duffy or any Consistory member know.





Nov. 1	Witting Tree Daily at 7am through 11/11
Nov. 7	Annual Bingo Night
Nov. 8	ONA Celebration
Nov. 23	Holiday Pie Sale
Nov. 25	Shared Thanksgiving Eve Service
Dec. 6	White Gift Service during Worship
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship at 7pm
Jan. 24	Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb. 27	Lasagna Dinner and Charlie Zahm Concert
June 14-18	Mission Week 2027
July 12-16	VBS 2027

SERVING SCHEDULES

USHERS

October

Head Ushers:
Erin Rush and Karen Peterson

4- Erin Rush & Karen Peterson

11- Ethel Dietrich & Ron Grace

18- Karen Peterson & Ethel Dietrich

25- Doris Lindmeier & Deb Kantner

1- Lee Metzger & Ruth Yothers



LITURGIST

October

4- Lance Ide

11- Denise Mayhew

18- Lee Metzger

25- Shirley Metzger

1- Lolly Smith

October Communion Servers
Angela Stofflet & Ron Grace

October Altar Guild
Barb Kieffer

October

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Pastor's Writing Day 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Cemetery Board Meeting	2 Pastor's Day off	3
4 8:45am Bible Circle Process 10:15am Worship with World Wide Communion & NIN Offering 1pm Blessing of the Animals 2:30–4pm Loraine's 100th Birthday Celebration	5	6 10:15am Bible Study 6pm Consistory Meeting about Boiler 7pm Inclusion Team Meeting	7 8:30am Coffee & Conversations 6:30pm Choir	8 Pastor's Writing Day 6:30pm Bell Choir 7pm Elders Meeting	9 Pastor's Day off	10 Rummage Sale 8am–1pm
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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
PERKASIE, PA

Join us Virtually for Sunday worship at 10:15am .
You can find us at: www.youtube.com/@Standrewsucc