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July 2025



JULY UPCOMING EVENTS



LUNCH @ THE PAVILION JULY 13TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Sponsored by the Culinary Team. Main Course will be hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish to complement the meal (side and/or dessert). You can sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer or call Ken Barndt 215.257.7063.



CREATE PEACE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 21-25, 2025, 9AM TO NOON DAILY

VBS is just around the corner and this years theme is "Create Peace". We already have nearly 40 children registered and can't wait to engage children from the wider community in a week of learning about Christ's love and peace. We are looking for donations and volunteers to ensure our week of fun, fellowship, and worship is a success. See more details inside the newsletter about volunteering, donating, or registering a participant.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 21-25, 2025

GOD'S PRECIOUS CHILDREN MISSION OPPORTUNITY JULY 20TH, DURING WORSHIP

Join us during worship on July 20th, God's Precious Children will be sharing about their ministry. This is a mission we have been supporting for a number of years now to assist students in Liberia to get their education through paying their tuition. If you previously have sponsored a student and they are returning you can continue to sponsor them and if you are interested in sponsoring a 'new' student please see someone on the MRT team. We look forward to continued support of this mission.





PASTORS MESSAGE



“BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD.” MATTHEW 5:9

In these turbulent times, Jesus' words ring more urgently than ever. “Blessed are the peacemakers.”

In a world marked by division across political lines, racial and cultural boundaries, economic struggles, and international conflicts, we are reminded that Christ's call to be peacemakers is not optional. It is central to what it means to follow Jesus.

The divisions we see in our country and around the globe are more than headlines. They touch families, friendships, neighborhoods, and even churches. It's tempting to take sides, to argue louder, or to withdraw altogether. But Jesus calls us to something higher. He calls us not to be peacekeepers—those who avoid conflict—but peacemakers—those who enter the broken spaces and bring reconciliation.

Being a peacemaker doesn't mean compromising truth, but it does mean embodying grace. It means choosing love when it's easier to hate, listening when others shout, breaking down walls brick by brick and building bridges. Peacemakers do the hard work of healing and Jesus tells us that in doing so, we reflect our identity as children of God.

As we reflect on this call, consider these words by Jimi Hendrix:

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.”

And Mother Teresa reminds us:

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

And finally, Martin Luther King Jr. once said:

“Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.”



In a fractured world, the church must be about creating peace as a witness to the peace of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God. This month, our Vacation Bible School will be about “Creating Peace.” It's especially important that our children see the church following Jesus' example of creating peace through our love for others.

May our church be known as a community of peacemakers, people who reflect the heart of Jesus in how we speak, act and love. In a broken and divided world, let us be agents of Christ's peace.

Pastor Barb



JUNE MEETING CONSISTORY REPORT

Consistory thanked all who participated in the Rummage Sale, which was most of the congregation, via donations for the sale and assisting on the day of the event and especially Angela for organizing this project. It was reported that we netted \$2,100 for the general fund of the church. This was so successful, we will be holding another rummage sale in October.



Consistory reviewed our finances and noted we continue to have a shortfall between income and expenses. Details will be addressed to the congregation in a letter accompanying the semi-annual giving statement that will be sent in July. Consistory also is engaging a strategic planner from the conference to develop a strategic plan for the church and will meet with Rev. Cean James, Associate Conference Minister at an all-day retreat in September to discuss ways to ensure the continued success of St. Andrew's.

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.

STEWARDSHIP, HOPE, AND GOD

In a world facing ecological, social and spiritual challenges, stewardship is more than a duty—it is an expression of hope. To be a steward means to care wisely for what we have been entrusted with by God: our planet, our communities, our gifts, our faith. God calls us to act with intention, recognizing that small choices, how we spend our time, use our resources, and treat others, can ripple outward in meaningful ways.



Hope is the spiritual heartbeat of stewardship. It reminds us that the smallest act of faithfulness can bear fruit in God's time. In our giving, serving, and praying, we affirm our belief that God is at work redeeming, renewing, and restoring. Even in times of uncertainty, hope invites us to keep serving, offering what we have, and believing that God's promises will be fulfilled.



As stewards, we do not work alone. We are part of a larger story rooted in faith and love, strengthened by community, and working toward a future we help shape in partnership with God. Stewardship bolsters our mission keeping ministries vibrant, supporting those in need, and creating space where faith can flourish and love flows. When we share our resources trusting God will use them to further the good news touching people's lives in transforming ways, we find ourselves becoming more generous. We find we want to participate in God's work in the world in and through the church because the fruit God brings forth is abundant and very good.

As we look ahead, may we embrace stewardship as an invitation to unite with God in nurturing creation, serving our neighbors, and creating a future overflowing with the fruits of faith, love and hope for the good of others, ourselves and the glory of God.

A REFLECTION ON BACK BAY MISSIONS



And the Lord said, well done, good and faithful servant... (Matthew 25:23). On June 7th our team was commissioned to go to Back Bay Mission and do whatever work that we were called upon to do. Our team returned after a week of service and with the help of God and lots of people we indeed completed great work. Over the next few months our team members will share their experiences in the newsletter.

You never know what will happen when you set out for a mission trip. Expectations from past mission trips and expectations of what we would like to happen often change as the trip progresses. This trip was no exception. Our work at the Mission exceeded any expectations. After 215 hours at the work site, we completed the renovation of an apartment for an unhoused veteran and renovations of the Pantry (provides food much like our FISH) to improve workspace. Rarely does a team get to complete a project at Back Bay and with the help of our Mission leaders we were able to complete two.

In addition to the work hours for these projects, we cooked and served meals four out of the five days at the Mission. Over 65 meals were prepared each day, including our "own spaghetti recipe". We covered the desk in the Micah Center, monitored shower time, sorted clothes, worked in the Pantry, shopped for the apartment, and spent time with the clients.



Although many thanks to the whole team, a special shout out to Lizzie and Kai who could often be found well after working hours visiting with the people in the parking lot, taking pictures and just "seeing" them. One special man told me, "They have been like daughters to me". Thank you to our "domestic goddess" Barb Fritz who joyfully cooked, cleaned and washed clothes all week along with her other work. Thank you to the Flexers and the Ides for transporting the team and the many suitcases to and from the airport.

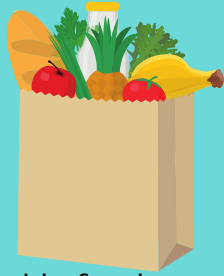
Thank you to Pastor Barb who was a source of strength all week and guided us through devotions and meaningful processing and sharing. We were and are blessed to have her with us. Our expectation for our partnership with the other church did not go as planned, however we got to know them better, sharing experiences, work and meals with them. Our team felt it was meant to be. Prayers for their continued work and all that they may need right now.

It takes a whole team to complete a mission and that is the fun part. We came together and made this happen. We laughed, poked fun at each other, cared for one another, shared "meditations", and met for devotions. With the help of God, we learned to be careful with our expectations and to look up to see God (as well as for the coffee making instructions) and that God is in control. Thank you for supporting us in the Mission.

Karen Peterson

MISSION MOMENTS

FISH PANTRY NEEDS



Your donations of non-perishable foods, cleaning products, toiletries, diapers, and wipes keep our pantry operating. Our needs this month include: Bar Soap, Relish, Laundry detergent, Paper towels, Poise pads, Knorr meal helpers/Hamburger Helper, Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Canned salmon. Please be sure your food donations are in-date.

Clothing Room: Clean linens and sheets are needed.



A representative from God's Precious Children will be sharing in worship on Sunday, July 20th. Come join us and hear what's new with this Ministry.



PIES! PIES! PIES!

Our remaining Farmer Market Dates are, on Saturdays,
August 23rd
September 6th

with the addition of some Apple Crumb and Pumpkin Pies on this date. We are happy we can share this ministry with the community.

FISH SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

While most students are eagerly looking forward to summer vacation, Pennridge FISH is planning for the start of school in September. Because the expense of school supplies can be a burden for low-income families, we give a schoolbag packed with supplies to school-aged children. Please help us by donating new school supplies during June, July, and August. While all supplies are welcome, we are most in need of the following: school bags with laptop sleeves, headphones, black Sharpie markers, dry-erase markers, thin and broad Crayola markers, yellow highlighters, blue, black, and red pens

If you would like to pack an entire bag, please contact the office for a complete list of supplies to place in each bag. Be on the lookout for school supply bargains and purchase items to help ensure all students get off to a great start for the new school year!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 15, 2025

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



Create Peace

Vacation Bible School 2025

St. Andrew's UCC, Perkasie

July 21- July 25, 2025

9am-Noon

Prek- 5th Grade

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SCAN ME

Join Us

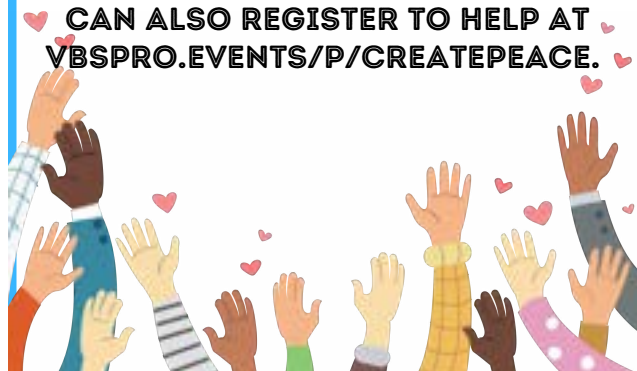
REGISTER AND GET MORE
INFORMATION

[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/CREATE-PEACE](https://vbspro.events/p/create-peace)

Volunteers needed

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH 35
AND COUNTING VBS
REGISTRATIONS THIS YEAR! WE
ARE SO VERY EXCITED TO BE
INCREASING OUR NUMBERS TO
BEFORE PANDEMIC HEIGHTS,
HOWEVER THIS MEANS WE NEED
YOU!

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP WITH
VBS! THERE ARE THINGS FOR
EVERYONE TO DO, NO MATTER
YOUR SCHEDULE OR GIFTS. IF
INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH VBS
PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA DUFFY
(215)-378-8472 OR BY EMAIL
MANDERS93@VERIZON.NET. YOU
CAN ALSO REGISTER TO HELP AT
[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/CREATEPEACE](https://vbspro.events/p/create-peace).



VBS RUNS ON YOUR DONATIONS! CAN YOU HELP?

WANT TO DONATE TO VBS? FEEL FREE TO
DONATE MONETARILY DURING
OFFERING, DONATING THE FUNDS ARE
FOR VBS OR
VISIT

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2YCT8BRR](https://tinyurl.com/2YCT8BRR)

TO FIND SUPPLIES WE ARE IN NEED OF
ONLINE! ANY QUESTIONS, LET AMANDA
DUFFY KNOW.



VBS DECORATING PARTY

SATURDAY JULY 19TH
10 AM-NOON

JOIN US TO DECORATE FOR OUR
UPCOMING VBS WEEK WHILE
PARTYING AWAY THEN ENJOY
SOME LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP

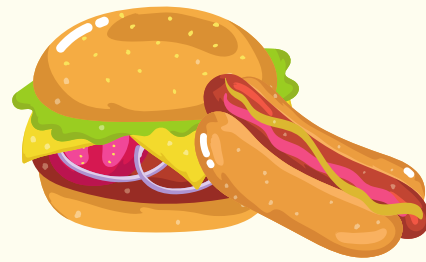
*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

WE NEED YOU!

Liturgist is needed for
August 10

One usher is needed for August 24
(worship at Perkasio Park)

Please contact the office if you
can serve on these dates.



SUNDAY LUNCH @ THE PAVILION

Sponsored by the Culinary Team
July 13th immediately following worship.

Main Course will be hamburgers and hot dogs
Please bring a covered dish to complement the meal
(side and/or dessert). You can sign up on the bulletin
board in the foyer or call Ken Barndt 215.257.7063.
Please indicate what dish you will provide to share.
FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE TABLES IS OUR GOAL!!!

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the
prayers, cards, and phone calls
during my recent illness - it
meant a lot to me. Many thanks
to Doris for all the transportation
to multiple appointments and
caring. A special thanks to Ken for
transporting the items from my
home to church for the rummage
sale. I am very appreciative for
everything
- many thanks!
Ruth Repko



WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Join us for worship on August
24th at Perkasio Park starting at
10:30am. We will be worshipping as
a community of faith at the park
and will not have worship within
our building on August 24th.

Congrats!



Congratulations to
Benjamin Gossard for
receiving a Scholarship
from St. Andrew's to
help continue his
education. He will be
attending DeSales
University this Fall.



SHARE YOUR GIFTS

Special Music: If you would like to provide special music this
summer, please see Robert.



ONA TEAM UPDATE

IMPORTANT ONA DATES

ONA Team Meeting Dates:

July 15
August 19
Sept. 9
Oct. 21
Nov. 18
Jan. 13

All are welcome to join!



Congregational Conversations

Sept. 14
Nov. 2
Feb TBD

PERSON FIRST VS. IDENTITY FIRST LANGUAGE

ONA has been exploring what it means to be a truly inclusive church. We have been considering Person-First Language vs. Identify-First Language. "Person-first language emphasizes the individual before their condition, while identify-first language prioritizes the condition as a key aspect of identity.

Definitions

Person-First Language: This approach places the individual before their condition, focusing on their humanity. For example, saying "person with a disability" instead of "disabled person". This language aims to avoid defining individuals solely by their disabilities and promotes respect for individuality.

Identify-First Language: In contrast, identify-first puts the condition before the person, emphasizing that the condition is an integral part of their identity. For instance, saying "autistic person" instead of "person with autism". Many individuals within the autism community and other groups prefer this form, as it acknowledges their condition as a significant aspect of who they are. The choice between person-first and identify-first language can vary widely among individuals and communities. Some people feel strongly about being recognized for their personhood first, while others see their conditions as crucial part of their identity. For example, many in the Deaf community prefer identity-first language while others, particularly in the medical contexts, may favor person-first language.

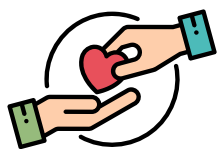
Choosing between person-first and identify-first language should be guided by the preference of individuals or communities being referred to. It is essential to be respectful and flexible, recognize that language is always evolving and that individual preferences may vary. Engaging with self-advocacy groups and listening to the voices of those within the communities can provide valuable insights into the most appropriate language to use."

Source: National Institute of Health Website

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, and Erin Rush.



GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE



GIVE WITH A JOYFUL HEART

THANK YOU for your continued support of our beautiful church building and supporting the great missions in our community. Below is the link to our online giving platform:



CLICK HERE TO GIVE ONLINE



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.

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| August 3 | Mission Moment in Worship: Back Bay Mission Team Sharing |
| August 23 | Pies @ Perkasie Farmers Market |
| August 24 | Worship at Perkasie Park |
| Sept. 6 | Pies @ Perkasie Farmers Market |
| Sept. 7 | Faith Formation Sunday |
| Sept. 14 | Sunday Lunch in the Pavilion |
| Nov. 15 | Bingo Night at St. Andrew's |

SERVING SCHEDULES

USHERS

July

Head Ushers: Karen Peterson
6- Doris Lindmeier & Deb Kantner
13- Lee Metzger & Ruth Yothers
20- Robin & Lance Ide
27 Brian & Karen Rush
Aug. 3- Jim & Amy Smith



LITURGIST

July

6- Jess Reese Wamsley
13- Denise Mayhew
20- Lee Metzger
27- Shirley Metzger
Aug. 3- Brian Rush

July Communion Servers
Lee Metzger & Lance Ide

July Alter Guild
Ethel Dietrich & Doris Lindmeier

JULY 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 10:15am Bible Study	2	3 Pastor's Sermon Prep	4 	5
Office Closed– Karen on Vacation						
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship with Holy Communion 	7	8 10:15am Bible Study 6:30pm Book Club 	9	10 Pastor's Sermon Prep 7pm Elders Meeting	11 Pastor's Day off	12
					United Church of Christ General Synod	
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship with Jess Reese Preaching Picnic in the Pavilion following Worship 	14 7 pm Mission Resource Meeting	15 10:15am Bible Study	16	17 Pastor's Sermon Prep	18 Pastor's Day off	19 VBS Decoration Party 10am–Noon 
United Church of Christ General Synod – Pastor Barb, PSEC Delegate						
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship with God's Precious Children Mission Moment 	21	22 10:15am Bible Study	23	24 Pastor's Sermon Prep 7pm Consistory Meeting  August Newsletter Deadline	25 Pastor's Day off	26
Create Peace Vacation Bible School 9am–Noon Daily						
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship	28	29	30	31		