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May 2025



## MAY UPCOMING EVENTS





## HOAGIE SALE PICK UP MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 10-11:30AM

Ordered Hogies? Come Pick them up to enjoy on Saturday May  $3^{rd}$  10-11:30 am or pick them up following worship on the  $4^{th}$ .

# RAMPACK FOOD TRUCK EVENT MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOON-4PM @ PENNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Join our community in celebrating RAMPACKS 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and raise funds for this great resource to our local school districts students. Support Rampacks through purchasing food at food trucks, enjoying the bake sale or entertainment. Find out more later in the newsletter.





## WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION & THE BELL CHOIR

MAY 11TH AT 10:15AM DURING WORSHIP

Join us for Holy Communion and the last Bell Choir Performance of the year! We hope you'll join us for worship and a day filled of music and time around Christ's table.



## PASTORS MESSAGE

As we move beyond Easter Sunday, it's easy to tuck away the plastic Easter eggs, store the bunny decorations and return to our routines as if nothing really happened. Easter is more than a single day—it's a season, a sacred time in the church calendar lasting fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Even more than that Easter is a way of life.

To live in the Easter season is to live in light of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of resurrection in our own lives. It means waking up each day with the sure and certain hope that because Christ is risen, we can live a new life shaped by the power of God's love to bring life to the world. In a world stuck in Good Friday's despair, fear, and enmity, Easter reminds us that love has the final word and letting that truth shape the way we see the world and respect the earth, how we treat others, do the work of justice, and how we carry ourselves in times of both joy and trial. Resurrection is bold, joy-filled, and deeply rooted in the power of God's love that renews all things.



During this Easter season, let us ask ourselves: How does God's love renew life in me? What habits, patterns, or perspectives do I need to leave behind in the tomb? As a witness to the risen Christ, with whom am I being called to share the life renewing love of God? Let us also ask: How are we being called to use God's love to transform our churches and communities with new life? What old beliefs, habits, and perspectives do we need to leave behind in the tomb? How can our community of faith be a witness to the risen Christ in a world that continues to shout crucify?

May we, like the early disciples, be filled with hope and courage as we go forth-resurrected people living a resurrected life. May the life and love of the Risen Christ experienced in us be celebrated as good news. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Barb



# APRIL MEETING CONSISTORY REPORT

Consistory noted St. Andrews had a busy Lent season highlighted by the joint Wednesday services with St. Stephens and St. Pauls. The services were well attended, and we received several positive comments regarding the format and we agreed to pursue holding joint Lenten services again in 2026.





Altek has installed the new WiFi access units in the sanctuary and the fellowship hall and we have experienced significant improvement in the signal strength for use of zoom meetings and our You Tube live streaming of our Sunday morning services is now working well after having a few startup and setup issues.

Our annual Easter Egg event went very well, and we received many positive comments from members of the community. Many thanks to Karen Gossard for coordinating that event.



### **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.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our financial reports reflect a slight decrease in total giving for the first 12 weeks of 2025. In addition, our snow removal costs, and heating oil costs show an increase over 2024 due to the significant lower temperatures and more frequent snow events in 2025 versus 2024. This has had a negative impact on our budget, and we ask everyone to prayerfully consider an additional one-time extra donation to alleviate these increased expenses.



## MISSION MOMENTS





Thank you to all who donated to the Pennridge FISH Food drive. 353 pounds of food was delivered.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Disaster (Clean-up) buckets during the Lenten season. We will update the final numbers in next month's newsletter.



## PIES! PIES! PIES!

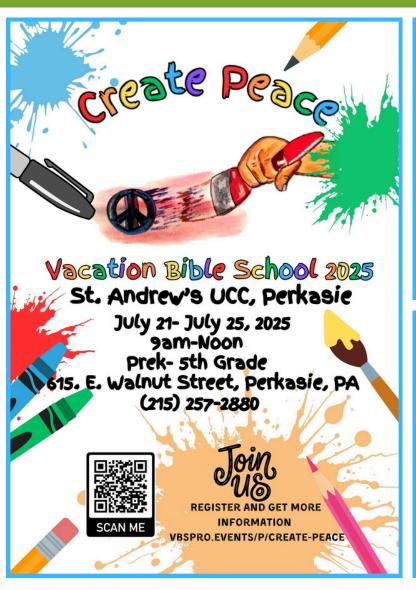
Shoofly and Funny Cake Pies will be available at the Rummage Sale on June 7th.

Our Farmer Market Dates are, on Saturdays June 21 August 23 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.



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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.

## DONATE •

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

VISIT
DREAMLIST.COM/FOR/STANDREWSUCCVBS
TO FIND SUPPLIES WE ARE IN NEED OF ONLINE!

ANY QUESTIONS, LET AMANDA DUFFY KNOW.

## SHARE YOUR GIFTS

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





## Blessings of Baptism



Many blessings on April 27<sup>th</sup> as we celebrated the baptisms of Catherine Duffy.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD



#### COMMUNITY PRAYER NIGHT

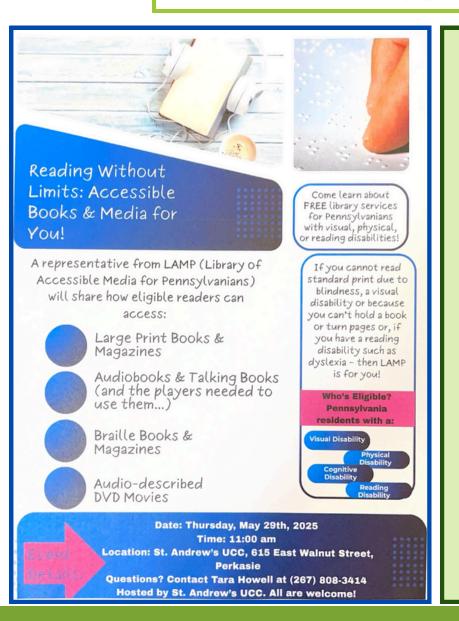
Sunday, May 4, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Zion Mennonite Church 149 East Cherry Lane, Souderton, PA 18964

You are invited to join in the first monthly prayer service as we seek peace in a chaotic world. We'll gather to prayer for those impacted by actions beyond their control. As we ask our all-powerful God to provide hope for fearful hearts, we'll share God's love for us and our neighbors through singing, prayer and communion. All are welcome.

The June Community Prayer Night will be at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, 713 Blooming Glen Rd., Blooming Glen, PA 18911.

Date to be determined.

Watch for additional Community Night of Prayer dates.



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



St. Stephens operates a Clothing Closet mission and have asked St. Andrews if we have any members that would like to volunteer to work with them on this community mission project. They operate on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you are interested in helping with this mission, contact Lisa Wesley at 215-529-4717 or via email at Colesasha@hotmail.com.



## 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.

Mailing Address: St. Andrew's UCC P.O. Box 69 Perkasie. PA 18944





June 7 St. Andrew's Rummage Sale 8am-lpm

June 14-21 Back Bay Mission Trip

June 21 Pies @ Perkasie Farmers Market

July 21-25 Create Peace Vacation Bible School

August 23 Pies @ Perkasie Farmers Market

Sept. 6 Pies @ Perkasie Farmers Market

Nov. 15 Bingo Night at St. Andrew's

## SERVING SCHEDULES

## USHERS

#### May

**Head Ushers:** 

Erin Rush & Herb Volk

4- Ken Barndt & Ethel Dietrich

11- Doris Lindmeier & Deb Kantner

18-Lee Metzger & Ruth Yothers

25- Robin & Lance Ide

June 1- Brian & Karen Rush



## LITURGIST

#### May

4- Ron Grace

11- Tom Wamsley

18-Tara Howell

25-Kathy Fretz

June 1- Robin Ide

**May Communion Servers**Karen Peterson & Lee Metzger

**May Alter Guild** Amy Smith & Karen Rush







SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				Pastor's Sermon Prep 6:30pm Bell Choir	Pastor's Day off  Andrew's Piano Lesson 6:30–8:30	Hoagie Sale Pick up 10-11:30am
8:45 Adult Circle 4 9am Spiritual Nurture 10:15am Worship with Baptism  Ram Packs Food Truck Event 12-4pm	5		<b>7</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	Pastor's Sermon Prep  Elders Meeting  6:30pm Bell Choir	<b>9</b> Pastor's Day off	10
8:45 Adult Circle 9am Spiritual Nurture 10:15am Worship with Bell Choir and Holy Communion	12 7pm Mission Resource Meeting		14 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal		<b>16</b> Pastor's Day off	17
8:45 Adult Circle 18 9am Spiritual Nurture 10:15am Worship	19		<b>21</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal		Pastor's Day off	June Newsletter Deadline
8:45 Adult Circle <b>25</b> 9am Spiritual Nurture 10:15am Worship	No Office Hours		<b>28</b> 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	11am Reading without Limits Event	30	PSEC Spring Meeting



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