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An inclusive Community Rooted in God's Incredible Love

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June 2026



JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS



ST. ANDREW'S PIES AT PERKASIE FARMERS MARKET SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH 9AM TO NOON



Join us to sell pies and meet our neighbors or to pick up your delicious pie! If you would like to assist in pie sales, see Lee Metzger. If you are interested in pie making, see Joyce and Ken Barndt. We can't wait to be back with the Perkasia community this summer at the farmers market!



MISSION WEEK

MONDAY JUNE 22ND TO SATURDAY
JUNE 27TH DAILY

Our mission team will be integrated into the Penridge community throughout the week including assisting local mission partners RamPacks, Penridge FISH, St. Stephen's Free Clothing Closet, Fostering Hope Bucks County, Community Day, our Rummage Sale, and Pride at Perkasia Farmers Market. Read more inside the newsletter.

RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH 8AM-1PM

Come find your new treasures at our spring/summer Rummage sale! We have many exciting items to share with you and will have the addition of a book sale during our rummage sale. We can't wait to see what treasures you may find. If you still have items to bring please do so ASAP so we can begin to sort things as we get closer to the end of June and our sale arrives. Thank you to all who have already donated. If you have further questions please contact Angela Stofflet.





PASTORS MESSAGE

CHRISTS WELCOME & MISSION

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Matthew 10:40-42



These words from Jesus are deceptively simple. Welcome someone, and you welcome Christ himself. Offer even the smallest act of kindness like a cup of water, and it counts. It matters. It's holy.

Jesus sent his disciples out in the surrounding area to share the good news of the Kingdom of God. They weren't to take anything with them but were to rely on the hospitality of those who would hear the good news and offer them food and invite them to stay the night. They ministered from a place of vulnerability to heal and serve without power except from the Holy Spirit.

As you'll read about further in our newsletter, in June, we are dedicating a week to serve our community. We will seek to be bearers of the good news of the kingdom. From sorting clothes, to working in flower beds, collecting and donating food, cleaning, moving, painting and the unknown tasks that will be asked of us, each will be an opportunity for us to offer a cup of cold water to our community. We don't know yet who we'll meet in the week but we trust they will see Jesus in us; we will be welcomed and the reward will not be lost.

Our mission is not only to be welcomed in the community but to welcome the community. By serving outside of the church building, we seek to be visible sign that our neighbors are seen, that they belong, and that they are loved. In discerning to place our signatures on the Open and Affirming Covenant, may we reflect on what it means to welcome others as Christ welcome us. Jesus' words in Matthew remind us that when we receive one another with compassion and dignity, we receive Christ himself.

Mission and welcome belong together. As we proclaim God's love in the community, may we also affirm the Covenant to welcome, affirm, and love our neighbors, who have too often been excluded or marginalized by churches and the community, offering them a cup of cold water to quench their thirst with the living water of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow into an inclusive community that is rooted in God's incredible love, and may this Pentecost season be one of courage, service, and joyful welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Barb



MAY MEETING

CONSISTORY REPORT

As we move into the summer months, Consistory would like to share several updates regarding the life and ministry of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ.

We are pleased to report that, thanks to the faithful generosity of our congregation, our giving and expenses for 2026 remain balanced. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the ministries of St. Andrew's through your stewardship. A financial audit of the church's books will be completed before the end of 2026 as part of our commitment to transparency and accountability.

Consistory accepted the retirement of Ken and Joyce Barndt as our Sextons, effective July 1, 2026. We are deeply grateful for their years of faithful service and care for our church property. While they are stepping away from their Sexton responsibilities, they will continue serving in several volunteer roles within our congregation. Our cleaning team will continue to maintain the facility moving forward.

The Pixel Power Fundraising Campaign continues to move ahead. Our new screens are expected to arrive in early June, with installation anticipated by the end of the month. We are excited about the new ministry and worship opportunities this technology will provide. We continue to welcome donations as we work toward fully funding the project.

New Fellowship Hall usage forms will be available by the end of June, both online via our website and in hard-copy format. These forms will make it easier for members and community groups to reserve our facility.

We continue to be blessed by substitute musicians during worship, and our Music Search Team will begin meeting soon to start the process of finding a new church musician.

Later this month, we will publish the new St. Andrew's Guide Book, an expanded resource for current and prospective members that highlights our ministries, teams, and opportunities for involvement.

We also continue to seek volunteers for Fellowship Hour. Please remember that refreshments do not need to be elaborate—simple snacks are more than enough. We are grateful for everyone who helps provide this important time of connection each week.

Consistory will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of June, July, and August, with meeting times to be reevaluated in the fall.

Work on our Strategic Plan is nearing completion, and we look forward to sharing it with the congregation soon. As part of this process, Consistory approved a building color palette to help guide future property improvements and maintain a cohesive appearance throughout our facility. We also continue to explore ways to strengthen communication among ministry teams and throughout the church.

As part of the Pennridge Ministerium, St. Andrew's will participate in a community effort to honor first responders during the 25th anniversary remembrance of September 11, 2001. More information will be shared in the coming months.

Finally, we ask you to keep one of our sibling congregations in the Keystone Conference, Trinity UCC, in your prayers following the loss of their church building to an electrical fire. Beginning June 14, a congregational card will be available for members to sign as an expression of support and encouragement. Additional opportunities to assist may be shared following the June Keystone Conference meeting.

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and commitment to the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. Together, we continue to share God's love within our congregation, community, and beyond.

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.

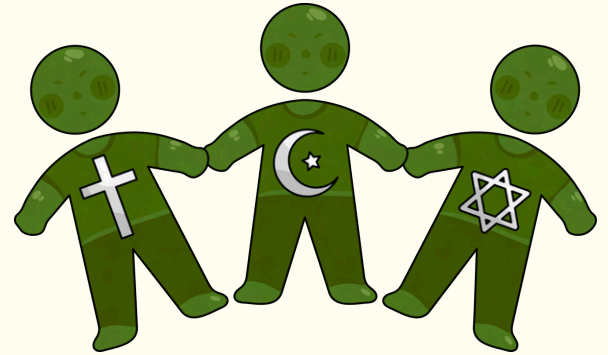


GOD BLESS JULIA ON HER CONFIRMATION MAY 24, 2026



INTERFAITH PEACE PROGRAM

REFLECTION BY EVIE STARKEY



The interfaith program at Korn Sanctuary on peace was a meaningful and inspiring experience. Five lay speakers from different denominations shared personal reflections on what peace means in their faith and daily lives. Although each speaker came from a different background, there was a common message of compassion, understanding, and trust in God during difficult times. One part that especially stood out to me was the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. The words reminded me that peace begins within each of us- by showing love where there is hatred, forgiveness where there is injury, and hope where there is despair. The morning was a beautiful reminder that peace is not only something we pray for, but something we are called to live out each day.



MISSION WEEK 2026

Our Mission Week team is planning for the fun filled missions they will be participating in throughout our local community. We are very excited to be able to complete missions throughout the wider community right here in the Pennridge area after many years of participating in missions throughout the country. The team is looking at opportunities to serve with RamPacks, Pennridge Fish, St. Stephen's free clothing closet, Fostering Hope Bucks County, painting our classrooms, Perkasio Pride, Pennridge Community Day and our rummage sale. We are excited to have a fun filled and mission based week right here! Stay tuned the week of for pictures, stories, and reflections shared on social media and beyond the week of.

**If you have any question or concerns please contact Karen Peterson 267-664-0231
or kapcharlkp@gmail.com**



PENNRIDGE COMMUNITY DAY

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 12-6PM
LENAPE PARK**

Join us on Saturday, June 27 as we celebrate Pennridge Community Day! St. Andrew's UCC will be there to share our mission with the wider community, spreading God's message through a DIY friendship bracelet station - stop by to swap with others and make your own!

We're in need of volunteers, so if you'd like to be a part of Community Day, please contact Maya via email: Mayazwalker@gmail.com or phone: (720) 233-3342

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the team that came out and made and sold 85 hoagies on May 16th. Thank you to all of those who purchased the hoagies and thank you to those who made donations so that the majority of the funds can be used for ongoing mission activities.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our supply of prayer shawls is currently low. These shawls are shared with individuals in times of illness, grief, or celebration as a sign of care and prayer from our church community.

If you knit or crochet, we invite you to help by making a shawl. Instruction sheets are available if you need a pattern or guidance.

If you're interested or would like directions, please contact the church office. Thank you for supporting this meaningful ministry.

HELP OUR FISH KIDS GET OFF TO A GREAT YEAR OF SCHOOL!

**DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO
CHURCH WITH THE LAST DAY FOR
COLLECTION BEING JULY 27TH. THERE IS
A BIN IN THE FOYER.**



Needed supplies (suggested list): School bags with laptop sleeves, Plastic folders with clasp, Plastic folders without clasp, Primary composition books, Headphones, College-ruled composition book, College-ruled notebook paper, Pointed scissors (secondary), Wedge erasers, Pencil top erasers, Index cards, Post-It notes, Dry erase markers (non-toxic), Highlighters, Crayola Markers Broad and Thin, Crayola colored pencils, Glue sticks, Stylus, Flash drive, Earbuds, Dividers, Black Sharpie markers, Pencil sharpeners, Blue, Black, Red pens, Binders, Hand sanitizers (alcohol-free). You can also use this Amazon link to purchase supplies needed
Amazon Wishlist Link: <https://a.co/6Xa52Yx>

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RUMMAGE SALE



June 27th • 8am-1pm

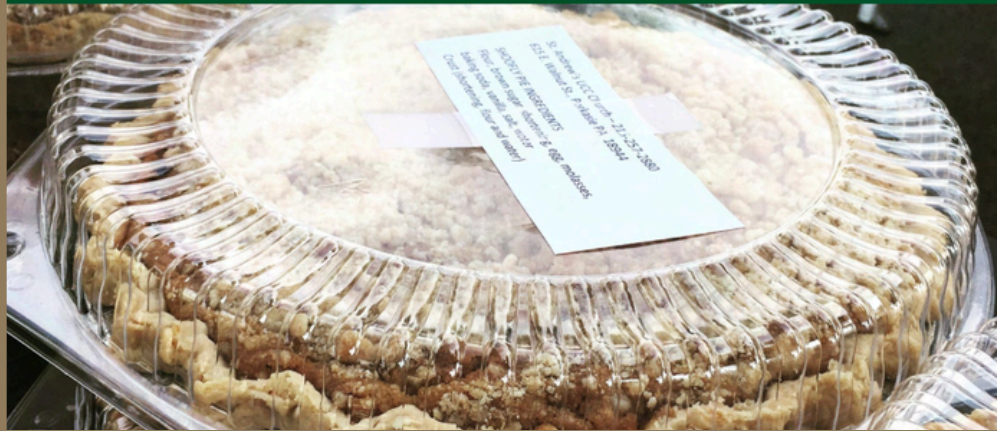
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COME FIND YOUR NEW TREASURES

GATHER WITH US AT THE

PERKASIE FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, June 13th, August 1st and September 12th
from 9am-Noon



CALLING ALL PIE BAKERS

If you are interested in helping bake Pie's for the farmers market this year please contact Ken and Joyce.

Scheduled Dates:

Thursday June 11th

Friday June 12th

Thursday July 30th

Friday July 31st

Thursday September 10th

Friday September 11th



CHECK OUT ST. ANDREW'S STORE!

www.bonfire.com/store/st-andrews-united-church-of-christ/



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

REGISTER TODAY

Join us for a week of fun and learning at "Grow Peace" Vacation Bible School. We welcome all children from 3 years of age through those entering 5th grade in fall 2026. We meet 9am to Noon daily for the week. Grow Peace includes Bible stories, learning about non-violent action and the peace of Jesus through song, creating, exploration, snacks, and experiments.

Register by June 30th.

Register at: vbspro.events/p/growpeace

If you are looking to help with vacation bible school or have questions please contact Amanda Duffy at standrewsuccvbs@gmail.com



GROW PEACE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 13-17, 2026

WISH LIST

VBS SUPPLY LIST NEEDS

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we need your help! To make this year's VBS a fun and meaningful experience for our children, we have created an Amazon Wish List of needed supplies. If you would like to support this ministry, please consider purchasing an item from the list. Every donation, big or small, helps us create a wonderful week of faith, learning, and fellowship. Thank you for your generosity and support of this ministry.

Find our wish list at:

www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3TFBRGCN6HQT7?ref_=wl_share

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School! Whether you can help with crafts, games, snacks, decorations, registration, or simply lend a helping hand wherever needed, we would love to have you join our team. No matter your skills or experience, there is a place for everyone to serve and help make VBS a memorable experience for our children. Please note that all volunteers are required to complete the church's background check process prior to serving. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Amanda Duffy.

ONA TEAM UPDATE



DISCUSSION WITH PASTOR ZACH JACKSON OF OPEN TABLE UCC

Our draft covenant is intended to include not only people who identify as LGBTQ+, but also anyone who has been harmed by the church.

The goal of the ONA process is to keep discerning how we can become more open and welcoming to all people. Pastor Zach Jackson joined St. Andrews on May 19th to take part in this conversation, and a recording will be made available. He shared his experience of growing up in the church and believing he would never be good enough for the Kingdom of God. The teachings that he heard centered on hell and damnation, rather than grace and caused deep harm for him. These doctrines have done so for many others who have felt unable to be the person God created them to be. As he wrestled with these beliefs, he turned to Scripture and came to see, with the Spirit's guidance, that issues which we perceive as contradictory—such as between LGBTQ identity and the Bible—reflect our own struggles, not God's. God's love is already present in the answer, and we are called to trust the Spirit and follow love.

The discussion also focused on what it means to be more than merely a “welcoming” church. Too often, churches say people are welcome without truly embracing them as they are. Zach reminded us that the church must be a safe place, not just a place where people are invited, but one where they are fully accepted as their authentic selves. For those who have been hurt by the church or in other ways, even our word choices can signal whether we are truly safe and trustworthy.

Zach talked about being allies by being willing to wrestle with the hard stuff and being willing to be a target of hostility and conflict as well. Flying a rainbow flag can show that willingness, but we must also make be clear that this decision is rooted in Jesus. It is not a political statement; it is an expression of our relationship with God and our understanding of who God is.

We must also reach out to people not only with information about our church, but with a clear witness to what we stand for. We must be filled with the Spirit and show that we truly are rooted in God's love.

AFFIRMATION PROCESS

As we continue our Open and Affirming (ONA) journey at St. Andrew's, we encourage all members to sign their affirmation statement if they feel inclined by the conclusion of worship and fellowship on June 14 and place in the locked box. Copies of the affirmation are available on the front table in the sanctuary, and additional information has been shared through email. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the affirmation process at St. Andrew's, please contact a member of Consistory or the ONA Team. Thank you for your prayerful participation as we discern this important step in our congregation's life together.



GOD'S DOORS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE

ONA Team Meeting Dates:

June 16th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. - All are welcome to join!
The Open and Affirming Team members include Tara Howell, Robin Ide, Deb Kantner, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger, Pastor Barb Pence, Karen Peterson, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Brynne Stork and Angela Stofflett.

Save
THE
Date



July 13-17	Growing Peace Vacation Bible School
August 1	Perkasie Farmers Market 9am to Noon
Sept. 12	Perkasie Farmers Market 9am to Noon
Sept. 12-26	Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence
Sept. 13	Rally Day- Sunday School Begins
Oct. 18	Crazy Sock Sunday
Nov. 7	Annual Bingo Night
Nov. 20	Sharing God's Love Cooking Class 6pm
Feb. 27	Lasagna Dinner and Charlie Zahm Concert

SERVING SCHEDULES

USHERS

June

Head Ushers:

Herb Volk & Doris Lindmeier

7- Lance & Robin Ide

14- Amy & Jim Smith

21- Erin Rush & Karen Peterson

28- Linda Brickajlik & Ron Grace

6- Doris Lindmeier & Ethel Dietrich



LITURGIST

June

7- Shirley Metzger

14- Karen Gossard

21- Ron Grace

28- Robin Ide

6- Linda Brickajlik

June Communion Servers

Angela Stofflet and Doris Lindmmeier

June Altar Guild

Karen Gossard and Lois-Ann Barndt

