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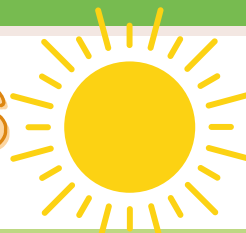
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June 2025

## JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS



### AN AFTERNOON WITH ROBERT CONCERT JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> AT 2PM

Join us for an afternoon of music with Robert for more of his favorites starting at 2pm. A free will offering will be taken to raise funds for St. Andrew's music ministries.



### RUMMAGE SALE & PIE SALE JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> 8AM TO 1PM

Come one, come all for a rummage sale and pie sale! Find a new second hand favorite and give it a new home! We can't wait to see you and share our junk which just may become your treasure. St. Andrew's famous pies will also be on sale. Have questions? See Angela Stofflet.



### PENTECOST SUNDAY & POTLUCK LUNCHEON

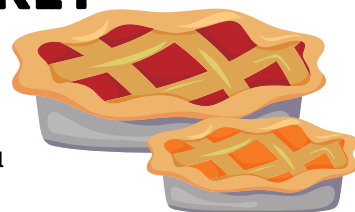
#### JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 10:15AM AND FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Sunday, June 8 is Pentecost Sunday and we'll be celebrating with worship in the pavilion with a potluck luncheon following the service. You are invited to sit at the picnic tables or bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. The meat for the potluck is ham. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a fire in fire pit for roasting marshmallows. Please sign-up on the bulletin board for what dish you will bring to share.



### ST. ANDREW'S @ PERKASIE FARMERS MARKET JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> 9AM-NOON

Come join us at the Perkasie Farmers Market from 9am to Noon for some of St. Andrew's famous Shoofly pie and Funny Cakes. We can't wait to connect with you and our wider community while selling some delicious pies!





# PASTORS MESSAGE

## ACTS 2:1-21 PENTECOST



When I was in high school, I was a part of a student exchange program. I had been taking German for two years and was a good student. However, we rarely spoke German in class. I could understand basic German when listening to people speak but I didn't have the ability to translate what I wanted to say into German, other than a few learned phrases. I remember visiting someone with the German girl I was partnered with and the woman was asking me questions in German. I was extremely embarrassed because other than the very simplest of answers, I couldn't respond to the questions. I could translate however when the woman said to my German partner, she's not very good at German.

In the story of Pentecost, one of the outcomes of the presence of the Holy Spirit is that the disciples speak in different languages and the people hear in their own language. That's a pretty amazing feat because there is nothing easy about speaking a new language. In Bible study, when we would go back to the Greek or Hebrew, we often found multiple translations to single words that required us to understand the context and nuance of the text. Often that was tricky because the culture of the times isn't fully known. Many time interpreters chose the translation that they wanted the text to say to their own time and culture.

In learning a new language you also have to learn culture, history, minds, and spiritualities so that you can take into account the nuances of the language and people you're communicating with. To become fluent, you have to be brave enough to immerse yourself in the language and fearless enough to make mistakes in speaking it.

This is what the Holy Spirit did to the disciples who were too frightened to go out into the community after Jesus died, rose and ascended. The Holy Spirit moved them out of their comfort zones, the place where they felt safe, and sent them out into the crowds in the street to speak. The Spirit set them on fire and silence was no longer possible. They had to speak the good news regardless of whether they would be received or not. They had to risk using words that felt strange on their tongues but were essential words for the time and place.

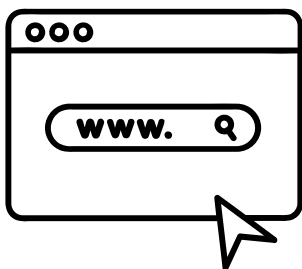
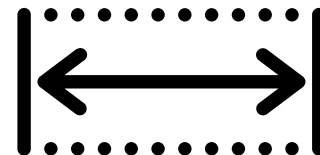
Pentecost is a story for our time. We live in a world where language has become toxic and is being used more and more to exclude people and bring suffering upon the vulnerable in our world. It's scary and our instinct is to huddle together inside our churches where it's safe and comfortable. Yet the Holy Spirit sends us out into our communities with a new word to speak for our day and age. It is the word of God's love that has the power to give life, even over death, as shown in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a love that breaks down barriers has the power to make us see, hear and know the other in such a way that we find ourselves caring what happens to them. We might feel vulnerable in speaking this new word of love in public; it might feel strange on our tongues but silence is no longer possible. The Holy Spirit has set us on fire with the powerful word of God's love that is essential for us to speak in our time and place.

*Pastor Barb*



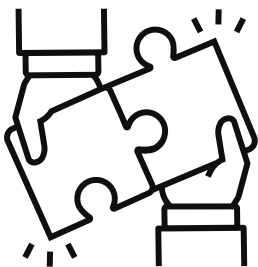
# MAY MEETING CONSISTORY REPORT

Consistory met with Associate Conference Minister Rev. Cean James and discussed the process of creating a strategic long-range plan for St. Andrews. We agreed to meet with him and other church leaders in the coming months to begin creating a strategic plan for our future.



We had previously authorized transitioning to a new web page provider associated with the UCC. This new platform will allow us more flexibility in content and provide direct links to UCC content. The new web page is expected to be up and running by the end of the month.

We noted several events coming soon that will provide additional income for the church. First, there is a rummage sale on June 7 followed by this year's first Shoo-fly and Funny Cake sale on June 21 at the Perkasio Farmer's Market. Please invite your friends and neighbors to help support these events.



We are also exploring the possibility of holding a joint rally day event with other local UCC churches in September. Additionally, there is an opportunity for our members to work together with St. Stephens on several community mission projects, see the related article for those events.

## 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

ST. ANDREW'S UCC, PERKASIE

## RUMMAGE SALE



& ST. ANDREW'S PIES FOR SALE

ITEM COLLECTION BEGINS ON APRIL 27TH IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

8am-1pm • June 7th • 615 E. Walnut Street, Perkasio



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported the Clean-Up Bucket ministry during the Lenten Season. We were able to put together 7 buckets with the donations given. These buckets will be taken to St. Stephen's UCC where they keep them until they are needed.



## 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 21st  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Baking will be on WEDNESDAY, June 4 for Rummage Sale and Thursday and Friday, June 19 and 20 for Farmer's Market.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## NOVEMBER 15, 2025

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW



# PEARL S. BUCK MISSION MOMENT JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>



Our Mission Moment will be an update on our Pearl S. Buck sponsored child in Thailand."Fluke". Joyce Barndt will also share information on the mission of Pearl S. Buck International. After worship interested folks can join Joyce for a personalized tour of the Pear S. Buck home, located in Hilltown. The tour will include Miss Buck's home, a National Historic Site, view the current exhibit "Petals and Pearl" and outside surrounding gardens. We can car pool from church. Please let Joyce know if you are going to join the tour.



## COMMISSIONING OF MISSION TEAM

Please join us for the June 8th Worship Service when we commission our Back Bay Mission Team. Our team will leave on June 14th to serve for a week at Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. We are looking forward to a fun and productive mission trip. The trip was funded thanks to fundraising activities, those that supported those activities, individual donations and by the mission trip participants.

We will be joined by members of St John's UCC in St. Charles Missouri. For more information

about Back Bay go to

<https://thebackbaymission.org>

Your Back Bay Mission Team: Pastor Barb Pence, Karen Peterson, Liz Flexer, Alice Flexer, Barb Fritz, Kelly Finno, Tara Howell, Judy Koenig, Jim Leamon , Kaira Martinez , Erin Rush, Lolly Smith, Angela Stofflet

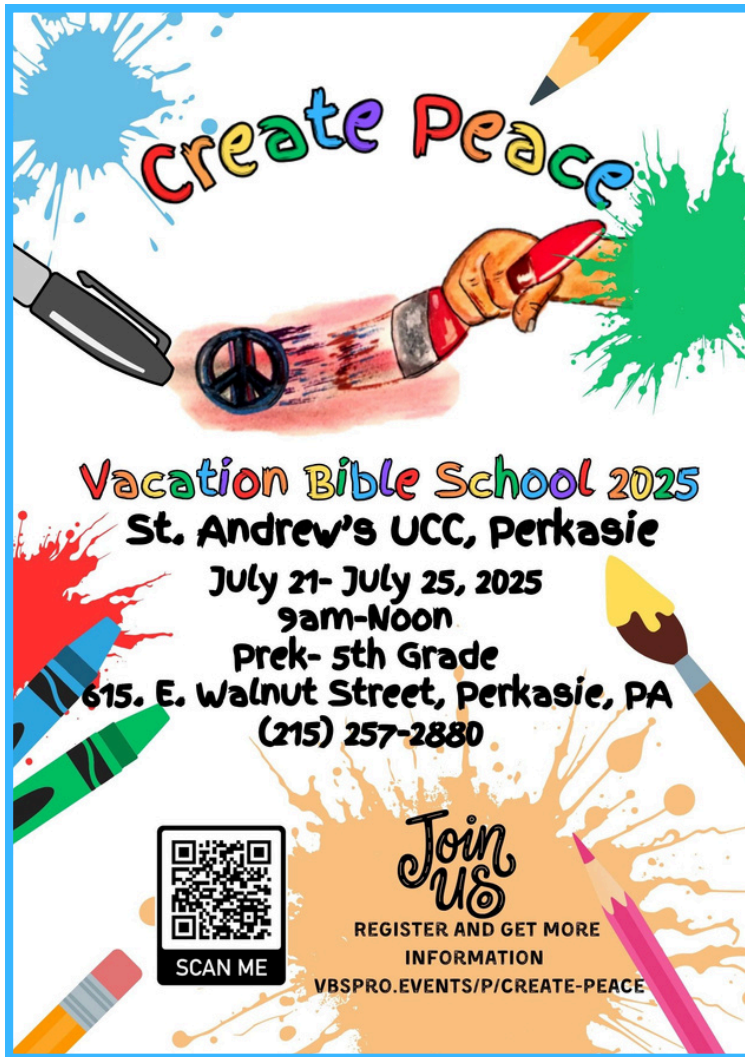
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## WHAT IS PRIDE MONTH?

Gay Pride is a celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community, recognizing their history, culture, and identities . It's an annual event, often in June, commemorating the 1969 Stonewall Riots and the ongoing fight for equality and acceptance. Pride Month is a time for parades, marches, and other events that celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and raise awareness about issues affecting them.

## ST. ANDREW'S PRIDE EVENTS

We will be participating in the Pride Farmers Market on June 28th. Come out and show your support.



**create Peace**

**Vacation Bible School 2025**  
**St. Andrew's UCC, Perkasie**  
 July 21- July 25, 2025  
 9am-Noon  
 Prek- 5th Grade  
 615. E. Walnut Street, Perkasie, PA  
 (215) 257-2880

**Join us**  
 REGISTER AND GET MORE  
 INFORMATION  
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**Volunteers  
needed**

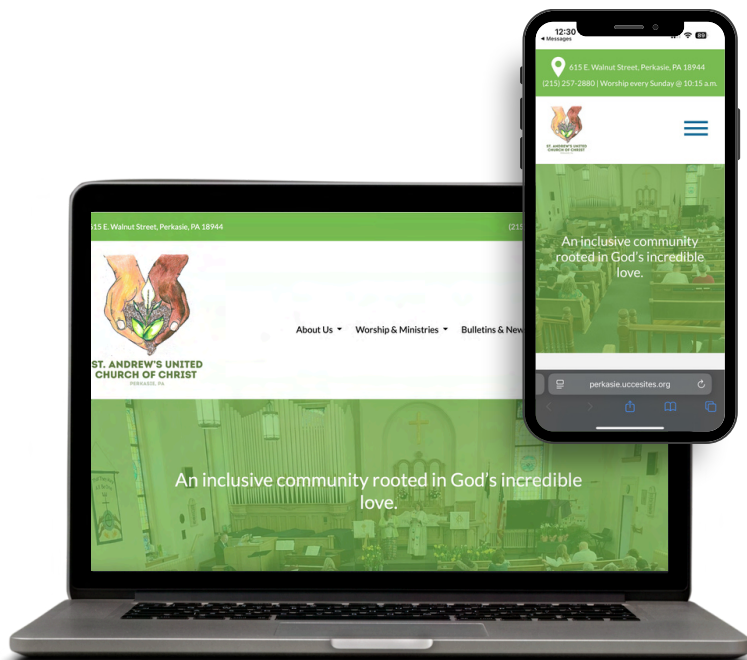
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP WITH VBS! THERE ARE THINGS FOR EVERYONE TO DO, NO MATTER YOUR SCHEDULE OR GIFTS. IF INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH VBS PLEASE CONTACT AMANDA DUFFY (215)-378-8472 OR BY EMAIL [MANDERS93@VERIZON.NET](mailto:MANDERS93@VERIZON.NET). YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER TO HELP AT [VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/CREATEPEACE](http://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/CREATEPEACE).

**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](http://DREAMLIST.COM/FOR/STANDREWSUCCVBS) TO FIND SUPPLIES WE ARE IN NEED OF ONLINE! ANY QUESTIONS, LET AMANDA DUFFY KNOW.

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW LOOK!**



**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**

**[standrewsucc.org](http://standrewsucc.org)**

Our new website has launched! We are so excited to have new and exciting features to share with our church and wider community! For any website updates or needs please contact Amanda Duffy at [manders93@verizon.net](mailto:manders93@verizon.net).





# Blessings of Baptism



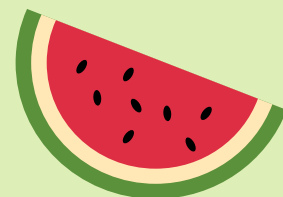
Many blessings on May 4<sup>th</sup> as we celebrated the baptism of Virginia "Gigi" Brown.

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



The Clothing Closet at St. Stephen's is in need of volunteers. We especially need help on Wednesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 (we also have our "This & That" fellowship - a group of ladies who play games - during this time). We also are looking for Clothing Closet volunteers on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30.

St. Stephen's is hosting the Watermelon-Eating contest at Community Day on June 28<sup>th</sup> and is looking for volunteers. Do you want to volunteer at Community Day? If so please see Lee Metzger or contact Wendy Bosco at [whbosco@yahoo.com](mailto:whbosco@yahoo.com)



Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5-9pm, Perkasio is hosting its Under the Stars Car Show. St. Stephen's hosts a free "Pit Stop" for kids and families on the church lawn. If you are interested in joining St. Stephens for some fun and games and some joint UCC fun contact Lee Metzger or Wendy Bosco at [whbosco@yahoo.com](mailto:whbosco@yahoo.com)

## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



In just a few weeks, we will be collecting the Strengthen the Church offering on Pentecost Sunday. This offering supports new and renewing congregations, youth and young adults, and leadership development across the entire United Church of Christ. Flicker Wild Church congregation, supported by grants funded by Strengthen the Church, offers a way of encountering God beyond church walls. Your gifts help equip church leaders to listen to the Spirit's call to continue to form and reform the church. We will be collecting the Strengthen the Church offering at St. Andrew's on June 8<sup>th</sup> during worship. This offering supports the wider UCC mission.



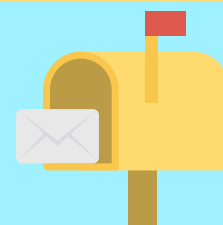
## SHARE YOUR GIFTS

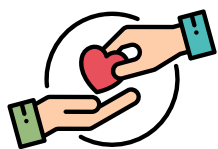
Special Music: If you would like to provide special music this summer, please see Robert.



## NEW ADDRESSES

Elaine High c/o Lori High- 13962 E. Stanford Circle - #L11- Aurora, CO 80015  
Joan Hutchinson - 207 W. Summit St. - APT. 2222 - Souderton, PA 18964





# 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



July 11-15 UCC General Synod in Kansas City, MO

July 13 Sunday Lunch in the Pavilion

July 21-25 Create Peace Vacation Bible School

August 23 Pies @ Perkasie Farmers Market

Sept. 6 Pies @ Perkasie Farmers Market

Sept. 14 Sunday Lunch in the Pavilion

Nov. 15 Bingo Night at St. Andrew's

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### USHERS

#### June

*Head Ushers:*

*Doris Lindmeier, Karen Peterson  
& Herb Volk*

*1- Brian & Karen Rush*

*8- Ron Grace & Deb Kantner*

*15- Open Ministry*

*22- Linda Brickajlik & Jim Smith*

*29- Open Ministry & Ethel Dietrich*

*6- Doris Lindmeier & Deb Kantner*



### LITURGIST

#### June

1- Robin Ide

8- Herb Volk

15- Lee Metzger

22- Open Ministry

29- Linda Brickajlik

July 6- Jess Reese Wamsley

#### June Communion Servers

Erin Rush & Tara Howell

#### June Alter Guild

1- Amy Smith, 8- Open Ministry, 15- Karen Rush, 22- Barb Kieffer, 29- Karen Gossard



## JUNE 2025



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship  2pm Music Concert with Robert		10:15am Bible Study 6:30 pm Book Club 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	8am Pie Baking 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal	Pastor's Sermon Prep 11am Packing RamPack Bags at Blooming Glen Mennonite 	Pastor's Day off	8am-1pm Rummage and Pie Sale 
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship for Pentecost Sunday Church wide Potluck following worship  2:30pm Andrew's Piano Recital	6:30 pm Mission Resource Meeting 8pm Mission Trip Meeting 	10:15am Bible Study		Pastor's Sermon Prep 7pm Elders Meeting	Pastor's Day off	 Mission team leaves for Back Bay Mission
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Mission team at Back Bay Mission						
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship		10:15am Bible Study  July Newsletter Deadline		Pastor's Sermon Prep 7pm Consistory Meeting	Pastor's Day off	 9am-Noon Pride at the Perkasio Farmers Market 
Mission team at Back Bay Mission						
8:45 Adult Circle 10:15am Worship with Pearl Buck Mission Moment Following Worship Tour of Pearl S. Buck with Joyce Barndt	 Karen Rush on Vacation June 30-July 4th. Limited office hours for the week.					