

ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

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Special Days in November

SUN, NOV. 5: ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

TUE, NOV. 7: ELECTION DAY

FRI, NOV. 10: VETERANS DAY

SUN, NOV. 12: SPECIAL CONGREGATION MTG

THUR, NOV. 23: THANKSGIVING DAY

SUN, NOV. 26: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY/SAFETY DRILL

Fall Back!

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 5th. Remember to set your clocks back by one hour before going to bed on Nov. 4th.

Church Safety Drill

St. Andrew's will conduct Safety Drills immediately following each service on Sunday, November 26th. Drills are a crucial way for our congregation to know how to respond in the event of an emergency, and it is important that as many of us are in attendance as possible. Thank you to the Safety Committee for your hard work putting this together.

Please Note: The Cross Newsletter is abbreviated again this month due to Elizabeth's limited office hours.



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**NOVEMBER CROSS DEADLINE:
Wednesday, November 15**

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Annual Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 3rd after the (one and only) 9:00am service.

The 2024 Budget will be discussed, voted on, and the 2023 Congregational Council will be elected.

Be on the lookout for the recommended budget, as well as additional meeting details, in your mailbox via First Class Mail in mid-November.

Holden Evening Prayer Services

Wednesdays in Advent

St. John's, St. Paul's III, Arndts, United Fellowship, and St. Andrew's will join together for worship and a meal each week, with the soup being offered at 6pm and worship beginning at 7pm. The location will change each week.

December 6: United Fellowship Church, 2115 Washington Boulevard

December 13: St. Paul's III, 2561 Newburg Road

December 20: St. Andrew's (we will also be livestreaming on this night.)



Offerings received at the Wednesday services will be forwarded to the AIDS/HIV Center in Easton.

In addition, a collection will be received each week of the following items for care packages:

Individually wrapped toothbrushes, toothpaste, moist towelettes, shampoo and conditioner (12 oz or smaller), small washcloths, sanitary napkins, deodorant, bar soap, and combs. All donations are appreciated.

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Jonathan Bleice, Treasurer: 610-462-9488

Elizabeth Campbell, Secretary: 610-252-2258



Due to the abbreviated newsletter, minutes from our most recent Congregational Council meetings are not included. Minutes are always available upon request through the church office.

General Fund Financial Position Summary For the Month Ending September 30, 2023

	September	2023 YTD
Offerings	\$27,040.33	\$158,078.37
Expenses	\$17,343.06	\$168,378.99
Surplus (Shortage)	\$9,697.27	(\$10,300.62)



Bible Study **Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom**

The Adult Bible Study group is currently studying the Book of Luke, but will soon break for Thanksgiving at the Advent Season. Classes will resume in the new year, and new members are always welcome. Contact Pastor Neel or the Office for more information.

Community Care Team **Thursday, October 26 @ 7pm via Zoom**

The Community Care Team works quietly in the background, coordinating much needed assistance to the community. If you are interested in joining the Team, or learning more about the ministry, contact Terry Diehl, Diane Laustsen, or the church office. You are also invited to join the Zoom call on the fourth Thursday of the month. As a reminder, the group continues to collect non-perishable food items, diapers, and baby wipes. These items can be dropped off at Hope House or in the Narthex.

Confirmation Classes **(Most) Sundays at 6:30pm**

Confirmation Classes began for the year on October 1st at 6:30pm, and meet either at Hope House or United Fellowship Church on Washington Boulevard. Open to all seventh and eighth grade students, The youth learn about the Lutheran Church, the holy sacrament of communion, service to others, and much more. Contact Pastor Neel of the church office for more information.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Classes are being organized now for any youth currently in the Fifth Grade. Contact Pastor Neel or the church office for more information.

St. Andrew's Comforters **Wednesday, October 18th, 10am-3pm - Social Room**

Each month a faithful group of ladies, St. Andrew's Comforters (aka Comfort Quilters), meets to make quilts. These quilts are not always fancy, but are designed for comfort. The quilts are distributed locally to those in need, and are also given annually to our high school graduates. The group meets monthly in the church Social Room. For more information about the group, contact Mary Ann Gaumer, the church office, or show up for their next meeting.

St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

Wednesday, November 8th, 10am
Church Social Room

Speaker: Dr. Susane Rasely-Philipps

Topic: Diveristy

Hostesses: Jean Nolan, Kathy Brandt,

Devotions: Debbie Ealer

Business: Christmas Gifts for Northampton County Juvenile Home, Fruit Baskets for Shut-Ins



SAW is open to all women— members and friends of St. Andrew's are welcome to attend on a come as you can basis. SAW provides support to the church, community, and many other charitable organizations through a number of unique and widely anticipated annual fundraising events. SAW meets in the church building on the second Wednesday each month.

2023 Fall Fair Prizes & Winners

Prize (Donated by) - Winner

Quilt (Irene Neel) - Susan Thorpe

Painting (Sylvia Gallop) - Gary Kovacs

St Theatre Gift Card (Angie Guydish) -Linda Trigiani

Bath Set (Nina Kramer) - Nicole Ehrhardt

Giant Gift Card (Debbie Ealer) - Laura Azzalina

Big Fall Arrangement (Helen Naudus) - Pat Beam

Med Fall Arrangement (Helen Naudus) - Nancy McFarland

Small Fall Arrangement (Helen Naudus) - Marge Drake

Wine Basket (Janet Rhymer) - Kathy Brandt

Crocheted Blanket (Betty Detweiler) - Laura Azzalina

Ceramic Cross (Kathy Hosking) - Sue Himmelreich

Aromatherapy Basket (Jill Machado) - Diane Dutko

Fall Basket w/ Goodies (Betty Detweiler) - Linda Trigiani

Sweet as Sugar Bath Set/Book(Kathy Brandt)-Cindy Murray

Fall Blanket and Basket (Linda Baskwell) - G. Repsher

Baby Blanket (Mary Ann Gaumer) - Walt Rankin

Longaberger Basket (Katie Piorkowski) - June Robinson

Doll (Lucy Lynch) - Lynn Neel

Cookbook and Gift Card (Debbie Henry) - Donna George

Scentsy Burner & Wax (Diane Dutko) - Carol Ehler

Angel (Kathy Brandt) - Mary Doran

Fall Fair Proceeds: \$3,862.87

Thank you to everyone who helped by volunteering, baking, cooking, buying raffle tickets, and attending the sale.

Your donations will help with future church projects.

The Boscov's Friends Helping Friends event on October 18th raised \$205 for the church.

Thanks everyone!

A New Baby!

Congratulations to Rachel Griffith and Anthony Spagnola on the August 21st birth of their sweet daughter, Giuliana Marie.

Big sister Alina and grandparents Carol and Don Griffith couldn't be more proud!



Thank You

I want to thank God and my church family for all your prayers and support the last week and a half. I have been extremely ill in the hospital. I was on life support in the beginning, but I am out of the hospital now and, with God's guidance and your love and support, I'm on the mend. I love you all so much and I can't wait to see you all again soon.

Love, Your Brother, Niklas

Music Notes



The Chancel Choir rehearses each Thursday evening at 7:00pm, and has planned some exciting music for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.

If you like to sing, regardless of experience or ability level, we invite you to see what singing in the choir is all about. For more information, contact our Director of Music, Mark Jonkman, at mlksp2000@gmail.com, or just drop in for a rehearsal.

Save the Date!

All are invited to an Open House at Pastor and David's Home on Saturday, December 16th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm.



November Birthdays

- 11/01** Lisa Detweiler
- 11/02** Sue Himmelreich, Allison Schaeffer
- 11/04** Shirley Messenlehner
- 11/05** Ruth Cochios, Julie Sabatino, Stella Troxell
- 11/07** Doreen Gill, Jakob Raven, Alexis Rute
- 11/08** James Slater, Amy Wood
- 11/09** Bryce Linden, Marti Sales
- 11/10** Alexander Baskwell, Deborah Ealer
- 11/11** Corry Fucili, Patricia Klein, Jamie Merida, Jonathan Zaneline
- 11/12** Tyler Price, Caralyn Reese, Joseph White
- 11/13** Ryan Bonser, Cindi Callantine, Brent Finkbeiner, Evan Guydish, Susan Kerbaugh
- 11/14** Carol Hegedus, Geoff Reese, Katie Rooks, Hattie Wuchter
- 11/15** Margaret Bennett, Carter Sadler, Jenna Strausser
- 11/16** Lucy Lynch
- 11/17** Sharon Bleice, Michael Clark, Marjorie Drake, Rebecca Zansitis
- 11/18** Chad Hunara, Barb Moyer, Alison Pennoyer, Chad Pysher
- 11/19** Rhonda Geiselman, Dillon Hill, Marian Lennen
- 11/20** Heidi Butler, Avery Hutchison
- 11/21** Chandra Bleice, Matthew Droesch, Samantha Schlater, Alexis Schoenenberger, Lyla Troxell
- 11/22** DJ Colfax, Theresa Trauger
- 11/24** Carol Griffith, Tom Korp, Nicholas Rosado
- 11/25** Eric Graham
- 11/26** Zachary Baskwell, Sue Heater, Daniel Hynes
- 11/27** Melissa Hegedus
- 11/28** Pamela Clark, Brianna DiFelice, John Vivian
- 11/29** Mackenzie Hutchison
- 11/30** Patti Hunara, Margaret Mansfeld, Rebecca Mariconda, Audrey Rinda, Roy Thorpe



November Events

Wednesday, November 1

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, November 2

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 3

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, November 5

All Saints' Day

9:00am Alternative Worship

10:30am Traditional Worship

6:30pm Confirmation Class @ United Fellowship

Monday, November 6

7:00pm Worship and Music @ Hope House

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, November 7

Election Day

Nursery School Closed

7:00pm Property Team via Zoom

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, November 8

10:00am St. Andrew's Women

7:00pm Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, November 9

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 10

Veterans Day (Observed)

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, November 12

9:00am Traditional Worship

6:30pm Confirmation Class @ St. A's Hope House

Monday, November 13

7:00pm Worship and Music @ Hope House

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, November 14

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, November 15

10:00am Comfort Quilters

Thursday, November 16

7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 17

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, November 19

9:00am Alternative Worship - Commitment Sunday

6:30pm Confirmation Class @ United Fellowship

Monday, November 20

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, November 21

12:30pm Steel Magnolias

7:00pm Spiritual Gifts via Zoom

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Nursery School Closed

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, November 26

9:00am Alternative Worship

- followed by Safety Drill

10:30am Traditional Worship

- followed by Safety Drill

Monday, November 27

Nursery School Closed

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, November 28

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Thursday, November 30

