

# ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

Where All are Welcome,  
No Matter Where They Are on Life's Journey.

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## Happy 70th Birthday St. Andrew's Church!

Join us in worship on Sunday, October 20th as we celebrate the 70th Anniversary of St. Andrew's first worship service on October 17, 1954 in the old barn (see drawing to the right). A celebration with birthday cake will follow!



### Craft and Vendor Fair Soup and Bake Sale

Friday and Saturday, October 4 & 5  
9:00am - 2:00pm

Volunteers, bakers, and soup makers are still needed. See page 4 for details.

Yoo-Hoo. Remember me?  
I'm back! See you in  
worship October 27th!\*



\*Sorry. Martin Luther will not actually be in attendance.

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## Pastor's Pen

### Giving Up the Recliner

“But Pastor, I like things the way they used to be...” Yes, I’ve heard that phrase in many forms, and quite frankly, the older I get the more I can appreciate the feeling.

Yes, deep down we all know things must change, and the fact is when we were younger we had the energy to embrace change. I couldn't wait to make the switch from old red book (SBH) to green book (LBW), and now I just hope the books don't change, not because I think it's a bad thing, but rather I don't feel I have the energy to do it anymore.

Change takes a lot of energy, but one thing we can't ever assume is that change means that the old ways were bad. The old ways were new at one point. Lots of energy, and there is the rub, lots of energy.

When I was younger, sitting still was not something I enjoyed. If I sat I slept, if I was awake I needed to be doing something. Sitting now.....gotta love the La-Z-Boy recliners and a good book. You get the point.

So.....here is the issue. I would like you to look around on Sunday mornings and see the lack of young folks in the pews. Therefore, a lack of that young energy. The energy that is needed for committee members, for Council members, and more.

If we are to be a place that serves Palmer, a place that welcomes all and shares God's Love, then somehow we have got to be willing to give up the “recliner” and answer the call. And for those of us who find ourselves in better financial shape than we were in our 30's or 40's, the church needs help.

It would be nice to have an over abundance of people for worship every Sunday. We need everyone's positive energy if that is to happen again.

- *Pastor Neel*

### **Spotlight on the Property Team**

The St. Andrew's Property Team keeps busy behind the scenes making sure that our buildings and grounds are in good shape at all times. From everyday maintenance and improvements to more complicated matters, our team gets it done! Each member has a different skill set and they are always looking for additional members.

Whether you are an experienced carpenter or electrician, or someone who is most comfortable with gardening work or a paintbrush, there is a place in the group for anyone willing to help when available.

For more information, contact Rich Heater or the church office.



# MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

# CONGREGATION COUNCIL



## 2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Laurie Roth, President: 610-252-7619  
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## NON-COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICERS

Jonathan Bleice, Treasurer: 610-462-9488  
 Elizabeth Campbell, Secretary: 610-252-2258

*\*Denotes Liaison to Committee*

Minutes from all Council Meetings are available by request in the church office. Council meets the second Monday of each month on Zoom. Members of the congregation are invited to attend, but only Council members are given a vote. Links to the meeting can be found in the calendar on the church website.

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## General Fund Financial Position Summary for the month ending August 31, 2024

	August	2024
Offerings	\$13,306.48	\$124,039.84
Expenses	\$17,041.22	\$136,032.89
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$3,734.74)	(\$11,993.05)

## All Saints' Day

On Sunday, November 3, 2023, loved ones who have entered into eternal life will be remembered during our All Saints' worship service.

If you would like to have someone remembered on this special day, please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it to the church office no later than Sunday, October 27th. We will remember each individual in the Prayers of the Church. ***Please print clearly.***

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9 @ 10am, Social Room**

St. Andrew's Women's group (SAW) meets the second Wednesday of each month.

SAW provides support not only to the church, but also to our community and other charitable organizations, through a number of unique and widely anticipated annual fundraising events.

SAW is open to all women, church members or not, on a "come as you can" basis.

## **Available Now! Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Passes**



Savings Passes are available now for this annual event at Boscov's.

For only \$5 (a contribution that will stay at St. Andrew's), you will receive a savings pass for up to 25% off most items on Tuesday, October 22nd.

See April Shaheen to purchase your savings pass and help St. Andrew's.

**SAW 2024 Rummage Sale Proceeds Final Total: \$6,900**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, shopped, and made donations!

## **Craft and Vendor Fair, Soup, and Bake Sale**

**Friday, October 4, 9:00am – 2:00pm**  
**Saturday, October 5, 9:00am – 2:00pm**

Once again, St. Andrew's Women (SAW) will be hosting the annual Craft and Vendor Fair, Soup, and Bake Sale which will include drawings for raffle prizes. **You can help** in many ways.

- ◆ **Donate Jewelry** for the sale (drop off at Hope House or in the Narthex at any time).
- ◆ **Make Soup or Baked Goods** and drop off Thursday, Oct. 3rd from 6-8pm or Friday, Oct. 4th between 9am-1:30pm. *Please note that there is no refrigeration available for baked goods.*
- ◆ **Purchase raffle tickets** in the church office or from any SAW member.
- ◆ **Volunteer!** Help is needed beginning Thursday afternoon, Friday and Saturday for the sale, and through clean-up Saturday afternoon. All help is appreciated. Sign-Up sheets are in the Narthex.
- ◆ **Shop the Sale!** Proceeds of the raffle, jewelry, soup, and baked goods help to enhance many aspects of church life and our property.



*The Strong. The Proud. The Backbone.*



## St. Andrew's Nursery School

"Thank you so much for a great first week. I was so nervous for (my daughter) to begin this new journey as she has never been cared for by anyone other than myself, my husband and her two grandmothers. You all have made me feel so comfortable with her being in your care and with the school itself! I am so beyond grateful for this opportunity she has and truly look forward to the upcoming year for her! I don't know how anyone can handle so many two year olds at a time, but I am so thankful she has all of you as her teachers this year! She really seems to love it and is already coming home with so much! She will not stop talking all about school! "

The Nursery School is enrolling now for ages three and four, and currently has a waiting list for two-year-olds, although we hope to open an additional class in the not too distant future.

If you know someone looking for an excellent preschool experience, please consider recommending our school. Our young ones are learning through play, exploration, and creative expression with music, dance and movement, and creative art experiences at the heart of our multidisciplinary curriculum. All ages are being taught the foundational skills needed for success in kindergarten and beyond, as well as the many lessons needed to thrive in a group setting. Call or email Elizabeth for more information about St. Andrew's Nursery School.

## Memorials

A Memorial Gift has been received in memory of Marion Budd, from Lucy Lynch, in loving memory of her sister who died on April 28th.

A Memorial Gift was received from Linda Massey in loving memory of her son, David Massey, who died on July 19th.



In addition, Memorials were received in memory of John George, who died on August 26th from Patricia and Paul Altenbach, Linda and Keith Baskwell, Peggy and Eugene Behney, Jr., Joan Brodt, Wendy and John Costanzo, Carol Fisher, Eileen and Tony Fornaciari, Sylvia Gallop, Barb and Bill George, Staci and Robert George, Sue and Rich Heater, Carol and John Konetsky, Nina Kramer, Kathryn L. Lansenderfer, Melanie and Chris Lynn, Denise and Mark Mamrak, Linda Massey, Sue and Bob Pettit, Janet Rhymer, Fay and Jim Slater, Jacqueline and Scott Smith, Doreen Umholtz and Family, Cheryl and Peter Warg, Ann and Thomas Young, Palmer Township Municipal Employees, and St. Andrew's Wom-



## Handbell Choir

Thursday Evenings from 6:30 - 7:20pm

The choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:20 PM, beginning Thursday, October 3rd. The group will discuss plans and schedules, practice ringing for new members, and begin to read through the music to be presented during future worship services. **No previous experience is required** to join the group.

Tentative plans are to play during worship in early November, once during Advent and again during Lent, and possible additional mornings.

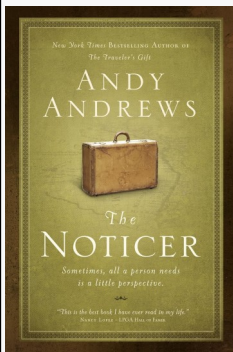
If you are interested in learning more before committing to the choir, reach out to Guy Ehler or feel free to contact Mark Jonkman at [music@standrewspalmer.org](mailto:music@standrewspalmer.org).

## Chancel Choir

Thursday Evenings at 7:30pm in the Worship Space

Do you enjoy singing? Join us for a rehearsal! No previous experience is required to join the Chancel Choir, and all adults are welcome. For more information, reach out to Mark Jonkman, Director of Music, at [music@standrewspalmer.org](mailto:music@standrewspalmer.org).

## Bible Study Classes Resume October 2nd



Beginning Weds, October 2nd, the Adult Bible Study class will be reading and discussing the New York Times bestselling book *The Noticer* by Andy Andrews. *The Noticer* is the story of a mysterious old man who has a knack for showing up in people's lives at just the right time, providing priceless lessons about love, life, and the importance of perspective.

Bible study meets each Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. Books are available through the office for anyone interested in joining in. Contact Pastor Neel for more information.



Thank  
you

Thank you to everyone at St. Andrew's  
for the thoughtful cards and prayers  
during this very difficult time  
of John's passing.

Donna George and Family

# October Birthdays

10/02	Derek Miller
10/04	Nicole Dalrymple
10/05	Russ Souders
10/06	Andrew Semanick
10/07	Ethan Holland
10/09	Marcia Cappello, Staci Forsythe, Carl Wolff
10/10	Todd Himmelreich, Debbie Troxell
10/12	Christina Hough
10/13	Donna Brown, Madelin Mariconda, Michael Stutz
10/15	Dottie Phillips
10/19	David Abel, Welles Hill
10/20	Rebecca Chatenka
10/21	Abbie Stutz
10/23	Gabrielle Bleice
10/24	Brian Gaumer, Kelly Warrelmann, Cynthia White
10/25	Dodge Hill
10/28	Brayden Garces, Logan Garces, Nina Kramer, Linda Pennoyer, Marge Weidner
10/29	Melba Green, Fay Slater
10/31	Cindy Holland, Jacob Janos



## Church Time Nursery

Sunday Mornings During Worship

### October Nursery Volunteers:

- 10/6 Jill Machado & Kim Merluzzi
- 10/13 Claire Sadler & Rachel Hill
- 10/20 Linda Trigiani & Linda Baskwell
- 10/27 David Abel & Abby Stutz



The Nursery School Staff want to thank everyone for their support and many donations!

You have been extremely generous and it means so much to us all. From providing a homemade lunch for our first day of training, to baking cookies for the Meet the Teacher event, to the boxes of things like playdough, dried beans,

and shaving cream (see the happy mess in picture!), your support has been wonderful and is appreciated each and every day!

*Thank you*



# OCTOBER CALENDAR

**Tuesday, October 1**

7:00pm Property Team - Zoom

**Wednesday, October 2**

7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom

**Thursday, October 3**

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 4**

9am–2pm **SAW Craft and Vendor Event**

**Saturday, October 5**

9am–2pm **SAW Craft and Vendor Event**

**Sunday, October 6**

9:30am Worship

**Monday, October 7**

7:00pm Worship and Music - Hope House

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

**Tuesday, October 8**

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 9**

10:00am SAW Meeting

7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom

**Thursday, October 10**

**Nursery School Field Trip - Unangst Farm**

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 11**

7:30pm Crossroads AA

**Sunday, October 13**

9:30am Worship

**Monday, October 14**

**Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day**

**Nursery School Closed**

7:00pm Congregation Council - Zoom

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

**Tuesday, October 15**

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 16**

7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom

**Thursday, October 17**

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 18**

7:30pm Crossroads AA

**Sunday, October 20**

**St. Andrew's 70th Birthday Celebration**

9:30am Worship

*Celebration to continue after worship*

**Monday, October 21**

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

**Tuesday, October 22**

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 23**

7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom

**Thursday, October 24**

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Community Care Committee - Zoom

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, October 25**

7:30pm Crossroads AA

**Sunday, October 27**

**Reformation Sunday**

9:30am Worship

**Monday, October 28**

7:00pm Nursery School Committee—Hope Hs.

7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

**Tuesday, October 29**

9:30am Nursery School Halloween Parade

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts Rehearsal

**Wednesday, October 30**

7:00pm Bible Study - Zoom

**Thursday, October 31**

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

