

ST. ANDREW'S CROSS

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

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THIS ISSUE OF THE CROSS is the last that will be sent through the mail.

Going forward, please plan to print The Cross from email, from our website, or pick up a copy in the Narthex.

This decision was made not only to save on postage and staff hours, but also on the cost of printing and paper. It also helps to reduce our carbon footprint. Thank you for your understanding.



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April Worship Schedule

March 30:	Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30am Worship Service
April 2:	Lenten Service at United Fellowship 2115 Washington Blvd, Wilson Borough 6:00pm Soup; 7:00pm Worship
April 6:	Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30am Worship Service
April 9:	Lenten Service at St. Andrew's 6:00pm Soup; 7:00pm Worship
April 13:	Palm/Passion Sunday 9:30am Worship Service
April 17:	Maundy Thursday 7:00pm Worship Service
April 18:	Good Friday 7:00pm Worship Service
April 20:	Easter Sunday 9:30am Worship Service
April 27:	Second Sunday of Easter 9:30am Worship Service

2025 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Diane Dutko, President
Laurie Roth, Vice President, **Spiritual Gifts, *Staff*
Teresa Diehl, Executive Secretary, **Community Care*
Deborah Ealer, **Finance*
Diana Laustsen, **Nursery School*
Chandra Bleice, **Congregational Care*
Heidi Butler, **tbd*
Julie Kraft, **Property*

**Denotes Liaison to Committee*

NON-COUNCIL APPOINTED OFFICERS

Jonathan Bleice, Treasurer
Elizabeth Campbell, Secretary

Council meets the second Monday of each month on Zoom. All 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.

General Fund Financial Position Summary for the month ending February 28, 2025

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Offerings	\$13,623.00	\$31,328.88
Expenses	\$15,991.81	\$33,062.03
Surplus (Shortage)	(\$2,368.81)	(\$1,733.15)



Highlights of the March 10th Congregation Council Meeting.....

Treasurer: It was reported that, although February offerings were lower than expected, our numbers overall are more positive with the changes that have recently been made.

Property Team: The Hope House sidewalk railing will be prepped and repainted this Spring. The Team will be renting necessary equipment to repaint that parking lot. The roof over the Social Room needs to be replaced at a projected cost of \$50-60,000.

Community Care is considering putting together a team for the Highmark Walk on May 31st which will benefit ProJeCt of Easton. Pasta and rice still desperately needed for ProJeCt Food Pantry.

Nursery School: Funds have been donated for a portable sink in the smaller classroom. Both classrooms will be painted after the rummage sale. Staffing changes approved.

Worship and Music is discussing using projection in the worship space. Initial financial outlay will be made up after long term printing savings. Blessing of the Animals scheduled for May 17th.

There was discussion around using part of the parking lot as a temporary Pickleball court to be set up and taken down after use. It will cost the church \$50 for an annual insurance rider. A church member must be present and a "Chief Pickle" is needed to organize and schedule.

Council voted to discontinue using Bulk Mail. A \$360 annual fee must be paid by March 22nd and each mailing costs an additional \$40 or more in postage. The number of items being mailed can be cut significantly by eliminating mailing the monthly newsletters. Members can still print from email or the website, and printed copies will be available in the Narthex.

Community Easter Dawn Service

6:30am, Easter Sunday

Courtyard, United Fellowship Lutheran Church

2115 Washington Blvd., Easton



Easton Musical Arts Annual Lenten Concert Sunday, April 6 @ 3pm

Easton Musical Arts will present a Lenten Concert at St. Andrew's.
Everyone is welcome and tickets will be available at the door.



Ms. Julie and Friends joyfully tossing scarves into the air in the Preschool Class.

Easter Flowers ~ Order By April 6



Each Easter, we offer flowers that can be ordered in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. They are used to decorate the worship space for Easter Sunday, and then may be taken home after the service.

The flowers we offer are symbolic - bulbs that seem to be dead emerge from the soil with glorious, triumphant new life. Rebirth. Hope. Symbols of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

To place an order, complete the form below and return it to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate, no later than **Sunday, April 6th**. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's Church and should have "Easter Flowers" in the memo. The cost of each plant is once again **\$8.00**.

Ordered by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Tulips: _____ # Lilies: _____ # Daffodils: _____

Total # of Flowers: _____ Total Enclosed (\$8.00 each):
\$ _____

Blessing of the Animals

10AM—Noon

Saturday, May 17



Pastor Neel will bless animals, photos, and even stuffed animals, in the front lawn.

All well-behaved pets are welcome (please remember that other animals will be around). Dogs must be on leashes, cats must be in carriers, etc. In the case of rain, we will move to the Social Room, with parking in the front lot.



April Birthdays

- 4/03 Tyler Azzalina
- 4/04 Gabriella Gruhler, Brendon Pickel
- 4/05 Michael Barilone
- 4/06 Quamere Grant
- 4/07 Lucas Foulk
- 4/08 Niklas Enblom, Laura Heebner,
David Sales, Susan Thorpe
- 4/12 Bonny Reese, Alan Schaeffer
- 4/13 Karen Hardy-Kutz, Denise Klabunde
- 4/14 Samantha Krout, Gayle Ryan
- 4/18 Elizabeth Saville
- 4/19 Meredith Saville, Charles Sensinger
- 4/20 Logan Brinker
- 4/24 Victor Machado, Mary Saville
- 4/25 April Shaheen
- 4/26 Courtney Gimbar, Greg Pickel
- 4/27 Alexander White
- 4/28 Jean Pleiss, Sean Reese
- 4/29 Marty Schaeffer
- 4/30 Ryan Himmelreich, Kristen Reese

St. Andrew's received \$964 in Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funding in 2024.

We encourage all Thrivent Clients to direct remaining 2024 Choice Dollars to St. Andrew's **by March 31st.**

Don't delay—time is running out.



The Community Care Team continues to encourage you to help the ProJeCt Food Pantry with much needed donations of pasta and rice. ProJeCt is also in need of boxed cereal and diapers (sizes 5,6,7 and 8).

Donations can be brought to Hope House or left in the donation bins in the Narthex.



St. Andrew's Women (SAW)

Wednesday, April 9 @ 10:00am in the Church Social Room

Guest Speaker: Debbie Ashton-Chase, Ashton Funeral Home.

Devotions: Kate Piorkowski. **Dessert:** Sylvia Gallop and Betty Detweiler

Business: Finalize Rummage Sale details, distribute flyers and posters.
Review Tea plans; helper sign-ups, establish first day of ticket sales
Announce plans for the June meeting.

APRIL CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 1

7:00pm Property Team via Zoom
7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, April 2

6:00pm Soup Supper @ United Fellowship
7:00pm Worship @ United Fellowship

Thursday, April 3

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 4

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, April 6

9:30am Worship
3:00pm Easton Musical Arts Concert

Monday, April 7

7:00pm Worship & Music @ Hope House
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, April 8

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Wednesday, April 9

10:00am SAW Meeting in Social Room
6:00pm Soup Supper @ St. Andrew's
7:00pm Worship

Thursday, April 10

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 11

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, April 13

Palm/Passion Sunday
9:30am Worship

Monday, April 14

7:00pm Congregation Council via Zoom
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, April 15

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday
Nursery School Closed
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 18

Good Friday
7:00pm Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday
9:30am Worship

Monday, April 21

Church Office Closed
Nursery School Closed

Tuesday, April 22

7:00pm Community Care Team via Zoom
7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

Thursday, April 24

6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 25

7:30pm Crossroads AA

Sunday, April 27

9:30am Worship

Monday, April 28

7:00pm Nursery School Cmte, Hope House
7:00pm Parent Partnership Support Group

Tuesday, April 29

7:00pm Easton Musical Arts

