



## June 2024 Newsletter



Effective July 7, 2024, our Sunday morning worship time will change from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM.



## MISSIONS AND OUREACH UPDATE

Through the generosity of the congregation's offerings and donations, St. Andrew was able to make a contribution to each of four benevolences within the city of St. Albans this quarter. Contributions were made on behalf of the church, through the Missions and Outreach group, to Christ's Kitchen, Food Pantry, Jericho House, and Jubilee Emergency Assistance Fund.

### **FYI:**

\*Worship Attendance for May 26, 2024: 52 in person, 57 online = Total 109

\*As of May 31, 2024, the Piece Makers have created 584 prayer pillows.



The St. Andrew Scholarship Committee met during May and it is with extreme pleasure and pride that as a church we are able to award three scholarships this year. This scholarship is comprised of monies from the Dr. Donald E. and Andrew Lee Cunningham Memorial Trust Fund.

Those who received scholarships this year include:

John Boggess – Postgraduate WVU  
Nolan Duncan – Undergraduate Marshall Univ.  
Ethan Wood – Undergraduate Marshall Univ.  
Nick Loftis – Postgraduate WVSU

The congregation would like to wish you continued success as you pursue your education and we wish you the best in the upcoming school year. St. Andrew is proud to have young adults of your caliber and hope we can continue to assist you in the future.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

June 1	Barbara Asbury
June 2	Barbara Hoffman Ann McComas
June 3	Sue Ann Davis Rich Ingram
June 4	Sue Pomykata
June 6	Bob Lilly
June 8	Jill Roy

June 11	Patricia Miller
June 12	Jeff Loftis
June 18	Alex McCoy
June 21	Robert Stalnaker
June 23	Alice Baldwin
June 27	Jane Hall
	John Hall
	Charles Young III
June 29	Margaret Theodos
June 30	Steve Perry

#### Anniversaries

June 17	Michael and Lorii Goodwin
June 24	Ernie and Lois Downey
June 27	Jarrold and Debbie Lanham



#### June Calendar

June 2, 2024	THE TABLE (Please bring cereal for the Food Pantry.)
June 6,7,8 & 9, 2024	West Virginia Methodist Annual Conference in Buckhannon
June 13, 2024	Fishermen Small Group in Wesley Classroom
June 23, 2024	Staff/Parish Relations Committee – after church in the Parlor
June 27, 2024	Fishermen Small Group has lunch at Christ's Kitchen.

#### Occurring Weekly:

SNAP, Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM  
 Boy Scouts – Mondays in Cottrell Hall 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
 Karate -- Mondays in Crusaders Classroom, 6:00 to 7:30 PM  
 Amy's and Robert's small groups, Wednesdays on ZOOM at 6:30 PM  
 Diana and Tim's small group, Thursdays on ZOOM at 11:00 AM

The choir will not be singing during the summer months (June through August)  
 Cub Scouts will not be meeting during the summer months.

#### ZOOM link for Wednesday small groups

Meeting ID: 870 9640 8438 Passcode: 447031

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87096408438?pwd=UUh3bm1EREluT3BGNFJQVVpJaWVkdz09>



SNAP enjoyed a busy May with Karaoke and Bingo at the Hansford Center, and movies and games in class. We prepared a special luncheon to celebrate our moms, and another to celebrate and give thanks to Ruth Frame. The highlight of our month was a trip to the Columbus Zoo where some of us got to interact with a few of the animals!

We look forward to June with Cornhole, Crafts, and Bingo at the Hansford Center, and History Alive presentations at St. Mark's. We just might get to meet Mary Ingles' son Tommy as well as Mother Jones! If you would like to join us at any of these activities, please check with us for the times, and we will see you there. Or, if you would like to stop in to visit with us – to read a story or share an experience with us – we would love for you to come by the classroom. But keep in mind that our last day will be Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.

As always, SNAP is grateful for your love and support, and if you would like to make a donation, please do so to Special Needs Adult Program, Inc.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer , Ms Ruth, Ms Wanda, Ms Linda & our SNAP Family

## From the Pastor's Desk

Isn't it amazing when we see something old become something new? Isn't it amazing when we have looked at something for years and then suddenly it all seems brand new? I have been told by a few folks, up in years I shall say, to hold on to my neck ties; because that style will come back again. As I look at the ties in my closet, I have one thing to say; I hope that style doesn't return. What was I thinking when I bought some of these ties? I would like to proclaim that they were gifts given to me by someone else; but in all honesty, I bought most of them. They were my choice and only my choice.

The next thought is: why are they still in my closet? Why do I keep all those ugly ties? If I have come to the conclusion that they are so ugly that I will never wear them again, why do I keep them on the tie rack with all the others? Why did I bring them with me when we moved here a year ago? I wish you could see me sitting here scratching my head and try to come up with an answer on that one.

It is amazing at all the old stuff we keep around. We have no explanation except that we just do. We have new things but we keep the old things. We have no rhyme or reason for keeping them.

We do the same things with our lives. We keep the old us when the new us is much, much better. We keep the old us in spite of all that we believe. We keep the old us when the new us is worth celebrating. We keep the old us even though it continues to bring the image that we have of ourselves so low. We could throw it out. Instead we keep the old us. Sometimes those memories of who we were before Christ Jesus changed us. Those memories that may still make us feel ashamed. Those memories that may cause us to doubt what God can do and has done.

In Luke 15 there are three parables that tell of the amazing grace of God. The stories are of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son. Go ahead and read them again; I'll wait..... did you see it? Did you see the new part? Let me help you. The new part is that all three stories of that which was lost were valuable to God! The parables tell us that we are valuable to God. We are special to God. So special that "He sent His own begotten Son" for us. For each of us.

Sometimes we continue to see and hold on to the old us and never get to the celebrating part of being renewed in Christ. We have so much to celebrate. We are valued and worth so much to God. God didn't throw us away. He renewed us. He forgives us. He makes us complete. Revelation 21 states that God says, "I am making all things new". All things! THAT IS US!!

Jeremiah 29:11-13 reads: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. 12 Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. 13 When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart,…”

You are valuable to God. You are somebody. You are a child of the Most High.

As far as my old and ugly ties? Well, I think I will tell Zondra the Parables in Luke 15. And share with her that God didn't throw me away so I can't throw my ugly ties away. I can hear her now; “you can keep them. Just don't wear them”; but who knows when that style comes back in, I'm ready!!

See you in Church;

Blessings to you:

Pastor Brian



Christ Kitchen needs 8 oz Styrofoam cups, corn, and canned potatoes.

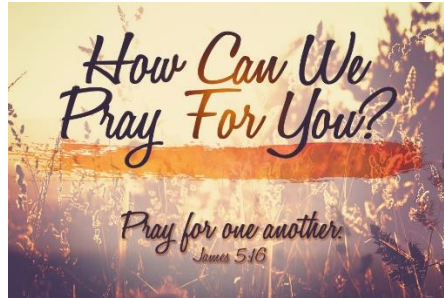
The Food Pantry needs cereal and empty, one dozen-sized egg cartons.



Reminder that the church nursery is available for newborns to three year olds.

We also have a worship-related activity for children ages 4 to 11.

Please contact the church office (304) 727-7114 if you are willing to help with the children's programming.



Prayer Requests June 1, 2024

Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham

Don and Anna Nichols

Emma Gandee

Peg Henrich

Ann and David Estep

Allison Hubbard-Jones

Bob Hubbard and Family

Dan Rittenhouse

Gary and Barbara Asbury

Jill Taylor, friend of John Danford

Libby Lamp Thompson

Pat Hart

Freda Landers

Mike Sublette, husband of Tammy

Ryan Salters, son in law of Tammy Sublette, husband of Amy

Darrell McGraw by cousin, Herk McGraw

Mary Jo Nichols by Lois Downey

Roger Nichols by Lois Downey

Alina Rhodes by Lois Downey

Eli Bowland by