

Spruce Knob – The highest point in WV 4,863 feet



ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
815 Kanawha Terrace
St. Albans, WV 25177
June 2025 Newsletter
Darick Biondi, Pastor

This coming Sunday, June 8, is Pentecost Sunday. Please wear something red!



Dates to Remember
Important: in the foreseeable future:
9 AM – Coffee and Conversation with
Pastor Darick (in lieu of after
service time with the Pastor)

Sundays at 9:00 AM – Coffee and Conversation with Pastor Darick
Sundays at 9:30 AM – Worship Service in the Sanctuary with
Nursery and Sunday School Provided

SNAP – Monday thru Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Mondays at 6:00 PM Friendship Hall – Karate
Mondays at 6:30 PM Cottrell Hall – Boy Scouts
Thursdays at 6:30 PM Cottrell Hall – Cub Scouts
Thursdays at 10:30 at Coal River Coffee – Bible Study with Pastor Darick



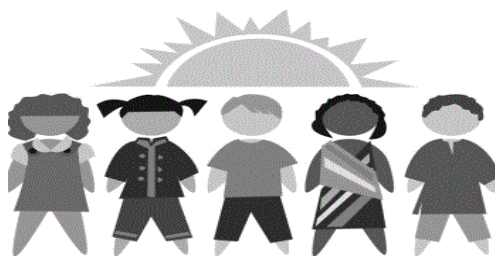
Small Groups

Amy's small group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on ZOOM
Bob's small group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on ZOOM
Diane and Tim's small group meets on Thursdays at 11:00 AM on ZOOM
Fishermen's small group meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month for Bible Study with Pastor Darick at 10:30 AM at Coal River Coffee



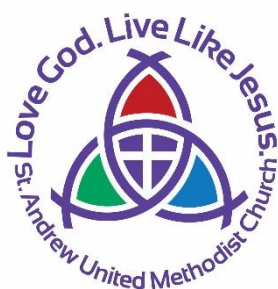
The Food Pantry needs:
Canned fruit, peanut butter, brownies, tea bags

Christ's Kitchen needs:
Stove top stuffing, chicken noodle soup, cream of chicken soup



Reminder: As always... if you could donate even an hour every few weeks to help with Sunday School, it would be appreciated.

Children remain in the Sanctuary until the Offertory at which time they go to their Sunday School room.



Fifth Sunday Service on June 29 – St. Albans United Methodist Connection

Back in March we had an incredible worship service where all five congregations in and around St. Albans joined together for a special day of worship, music food, and fellowship; and we will be doing that again at the end of June!

On June 29, we will be meeting at St. Peters United Methodist Church on the corner of Forrestal Ave and Pfaff St. - near the Tudors on MacCorkle and the old Parkway Supermarket.

Our morning is filled with activities too:

8:45a - Coffee and meet the pastors serving in St. Albans 9:00am - combined Sunday School for all ages.

9:35a - Community Choir practice - This is open to ANYONE and EVERYONE that would like to be part of the choir anthem during our service.

10:00a - St. Albans United Methodist Connection - Worship Service 11:00 am - Potluck! St. Peters is providing the meat, and we are being asked to bring whatever else you feel led to bring! It will be a true 'pot luck' in the traditional sense!

We hope to worship with you at St. Peters on June 29 as we come together as United Methodists and share in the ways God is calling us to come together!

Pr. Darick Biondi

Disrupting Empire: Resisting Christian Nationalism through Nonviolence - July 12th
10:30a-3:30p

Christian Nationalism - how did we get here? How do we respond? Come learn about the history of the relationship between Church and State and be trained in nonviolent responses to conflicts and at protests.

Teaching by Reverends Cindy Briggs-Biondi and Darick Biondi
Training by Mollie Kennedy of the ACLU-WV

10:30 am - 3:30 pm - July 12



Disrupting Empire:

Resisting Christian Nationalism through Nonviolence

Saturday, July 12, 2025 | 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
St. Marks United Methodist Church in Charleston

St. Marks United Methodist Church (Charleston)

Childcare and lunch included

Registration info coming next week!

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Pr. Darick J. Biondi

Pastor of Cross of Grace Lutheran and St. Andrew United Methodist
United Methodist Elder in Extended Service

OUR SNAP PROGRAM

I would like to update everyone about our SNAP program. Those of you who have been with us for many years are familiar with our program. Those who have not, let me update you. Our Special Needs Program was started by Freda Evans, our Youth Minister's wife, in 1996. She was an educator at St. Albans High School. She started this program when our Special Needs Adults graduated from high school and wanted to do something more than just sit at home. The program was free in the beginning. Freda was retired and had other retired teachers to help if needed. When retirees could no longer work in the program, other qualified individuals were hired to run the program; and so it continues to this day.

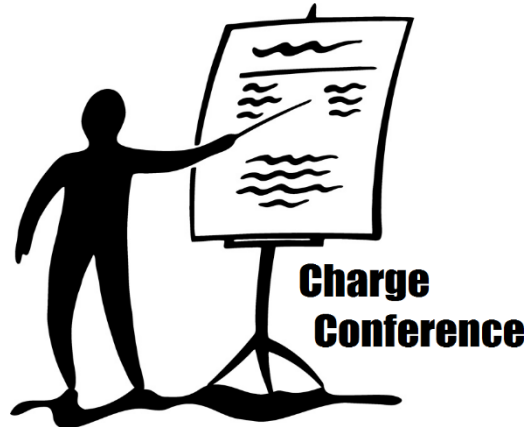
It costs \$400 a month to pay our employees. We charge the participants \$250 and use donations and grant monies to make up the difference. We have three paid employees. Wanda Pfost our coordinator, Linda O'Neill her assistant, and Steven Hall. Steven takes care of our payroll and all the deductions. He makes our payments to the state and federal governments. He also finds and applies for grants. He does ALL of the important paperwork. What do I do? I coordinate teachers, parents, substitutes, church, civic organizations and businesses and plan parties, holidays and special occasions. Why? God has been very good to me and my family. This church has helped me raise two wonderful and successful daughters. My two grandsons grew up in this loving and nourishing environment. What more could I ask for? Freda and her husband, Sterling, directed the outstanding youth program in this church which was why we came St. Andrew. I want to give back and this is my way to honor God, my church and two amazing people, Sterling and Freda.

We have received \$15,000 in grants to help with tuition. With the spaghetti dinner money and donations, we have \$5000 to help with other expenses. These expenses will pay for our projects that we planned for the oncoming year. These are a few examples. We buy gloves, hats, and scarves for the homeless; and purchase toiletries and snack items for the homeless, We sponsor a food basket.

We try to impress upon our young men and women that when and if we are able, we need to help anyone who needs help. We also help pay part of our "fun " activities like ; bowling, movies, Clay Center, St. Mark's summer Historical Program, Dairy Queen, walks and other events.

We want to thank all of you for what you have and will continue to do for SNAP. We are going to continue to apply for grants and donations to ensure the future of SNAP. We are always preparing for the next year. Our 2025 - 2026 term is secure. We will be working on 2026 - 2027 year during this time. God helps those who first try to help themselves. God is in this program or we would not be here continuing Freda's program today. Please feel free to come and visit anytime.

In His Service, Ruth Frame, Director



Sunday May 25, a Charge Conference was conducted with the Rev. Joe Hill, our District Superintendent presiding. An email was sent out on May 29 with the minutes and other information regarding the Charge Conference and details about funding for our new Sanctuary Air Conditioning system. If you haven't looked at that email yet, you are encouraged to do so. There is a lot of information, particularly around funding for this project. Be sure to check your email from May 29 and if you have questions you may contact Ernie Downey.



PRAYER CONCERNS AS OF June 1, 2025

Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham

Karla Baire by Leigh Long

Peg Henrich

Allison Hubbard-Jones

Bob Hubbard and Family

Dan Rittenhouse

Gary and Barbara Asbury

Jill Taylor

Emma Gandee

Judy Casto, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Ann Landers, cousin of Robert Stalnaker
Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker
Tim Dempsey, cousin of Robert Stalnaker
Jill Roy
Beverly Loftis
Dean Halstead, son of Leigh Long's cousin
Anthony Smith and family by Lois and Ernie Downey
Okey Thomas by Randy Robinson
Janice Saar by Lois and Ernie Downey
Leora McCoy
Marty Ferrell
Robin Burnam by Linda Miller
Cheryl Mowrer
Randy Fizer by Mary Baker
Tammy and Mike Sublette
Barb Byus and family by Randi Robinson
Sarah Lane Brucker in the death of her mother, Sharon Lane, by Susan Danford



Again this year, the Church is pleased to be able to offer Academic Financial Assistance to College and Technical School bound students who are members of St. Andrew UMC or families of members.

Please visit the church website (www.sasaumc.org) and view the Scholarship Page under Outreach. There you may learn more about the Scholarship program, how to apply and download and print the scholarship application form.

The due date for submitting applications is June 15, 2025. If you have questions, please contact Ernie Downey 304-545-7857

Send Pastor Loretta Isaiah a Happy Retirement Message
Pastor Loretta Isaiah is retiring on June 31. Her daughter Colleen is putting together a retirement video and is asking for people to submit pictures,

comments, etc. Please scan the code below with your phone's camera (or use this link: <https://share.vidday.com/e/r-d7se9d> to submit a video message wishing her a happy retirement. Submissions will be collected into one video and presented to Loretta as a surprise. The cutoff date for posting your items is June 26.

If you would prefer to send a card to Pastor Loretta her address until the end of June is, 2 Pinnacle Place, Charleston, WV 25311. She will be moving at the end of June, so please share with anyone who would like to send Loretta their love.



Birthdays and Anniversaries for June 2025



Birthdays

June 1 – Barbara Asbury

June 2 – 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 Foster and Charles Young III

June 28 – Steve Perry

Anniversaries

June 18 – Jim and Cathy Shook

June 24 – Ernie and Lois Downey

June 27 – Jarrold and Debbie Lanham



If you use to come to the church to listen to the service in the convenience of your vehicle and found that it was hard to hear, lots of static and just not a pleasant experience. Well that has all change and it is now possible to experience the service crystal clear and with no static. We have a new FM transmitter frequency that is crystal clear and provides a wonderful experience if listening from your vehicle is your preference

The new FM transmitter is crystal clear with an extended range making it possible for you to park any place around the church, tune you FM radio to frequency 94.1 and enjoy the service. If you are more comfortable listening to the service in the comfort of your vehicle, then this new transmitter is a great option. Come give it a try.