



October 2025 Newsletter
St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Come join us for coffee and conversation with Pastor Darick from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings.

Our worship service begins at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings.

Nursery and Sunday School for Children will be provided during the worship hour.

YOUTH PROGRAM

We are happy to report that our youth program is officially underway! Meetings of the Youth Group will be held every Sunday from 11 AM until 12:30 PM BEGINNING TODAY.

We had our first activity on Saturday, September 27, a bon fire on the hill which was a huge success. This week we will begin painting the Youth room. We will be having pizza for lunch.

See more in the Youth newsletter article.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

YOUTH Sundays from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

SNAP Monday through Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Karate Mondays at 6:00 PM in Friendship Hall

Boy Scouts Mondays at 6:30 PM in Cottrell Hall

Cub Scouts Thursdays at 6:30 PM in Cottrell Hall

IMPORTANT: There will be NO bible study on Thursday, October 9.



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

Fishermen's Small Group meets every Thursday for Bible study with Pastor Darick at Coal River Coffee beginning at 10:30 AM

THEY WILL NOT MEET ON OCTOBER 9, 2025.

Diana and Tim's small group meets on Thursdays at 11:00 AM on ZOOM

OUTREACH

First of all, we are so grateful for the cereal contributions by our church family during the month of September for a total of **161** boxes!!

October needs for **Christ Kitchen**: Ragu spaghetti sauce, cream of mushroom soup, chicken noodle soup and baked beans

October needs for **Food Pantry**: any canned foods



SNAP

We are happy to introduce you to our new staff member, Yolinda “Yogi” Moore!

Hello! I live in Winfield with my son who is 10 years old.

I graduated from WV State University with a degree in criminal justice.

I have 32 years of experience working with adults and children with Disabilities. For the last 25 years, I have worked in Waiver Title 19 as a behavior support professional.

I am excited to start a new journey working with SNAP



YOUTH

Youth Group is meeting this Sunday, October 5 at 11 am to paint our Youth Room! Pizza and supplies will be provided. Please wear old clothes because painting can get messy!

We will also be having a work party this Saturday, October 4 at 3 pm to clean and prepare the room, but no painting shall be done that day.

A QR code will be put in the bulletin, and in the newsletter for volunteers. We appreciate all the love and support from our church family!

Lastly, we're having a meeting October 12 at 1:00 for leaders and volunteers to talk about our Halloween party coming up on the 25th! Please reach out to Pastor Darick or Maelee (maeleetharp@gmail.com) if you plan on attending. It will be at Cozumel Mexican Grill on the Loop in St. Albans.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Maelee Fife via email.

Attached is the Youth Group Volunteer QR Code. We're asking anyone who's able, to volunteer for whatever they can. The code will also be in the bulletin.



If anyone has any questions, feel free to email me!

(From Brenda: Maelee is a joy and full of ideas ... she even taught me how to create QR codes!)

October 5th from 12 to
2 PM

Come join us to
celebrate the man, the
myth, the legend, as he
turns the BIG 8-0! We
are hosting a drive by
card drop off (absolutely
no gifts!) in celebration
of the big day.

You'll enter the St.

Andrew UMC parking lot

using the entrance closest to the SAUMC sign, drive around the church,
and head back towards Kanawha Terrace. We will be there on the
lower lot where you will be able to stop for a moment and say hello,
wish Ernie a Happy Birthday, and drop off a card. To keep the line
moving, we ask that everyone stay in their car for the celebration.

Lois, Lisa and Ian, Lindsey and Steven





Donation Options

As we approach the end of 2025, many retirees and others are in a position that they must take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their 401K or their traditional IRA. One consideration is to use a portion of this RMD to make a contribution to St. Andrew to fulfill your pledge or give above and beyond..

One question to ask yourself is **"did you know that you can take an RMD from your 401K or traditional IRA?" and donate it to a qualified charity (eligible nonprofit organization) and reduce your tax obligation?** These distributions aren't taxable but they still count toward satisfying your required minimum distributions for the year and reduce your tax obligation. For 2025, you can donate up to \$108,000 from your IRA as a Qualified Charitable Deduction to avoid taxes if:

- Your IRA custodian agrees to transfer the funds to your chosen charity on your behalf. (You can't make the donation directly.)
- You don't claim that donation as a charitable deduction on your taxes.

As an example if your RMD is \$15,000 this year, and you wish to make a donation to the church for \$10,000, you may ask your IRA custodian (Financial Institution) to make a payment directly to St. Andrew from your IRA. This payment can be to **cover your entire pledge for the year or a gift above and beyond your pledge.** By doing this, your tax obligation on your RMD is reduced from the original \$15,000 to \$5,000, saving you a \$10,000 tax obligation for the year.

If you would like to take advantage of this option on your 401K or Traditional IRA RMD, please take the time to contact your Financial Institution and discuss this option with them.

IF you would like to speak with someone on the Finance Team about this option, please contact Ernie Downey (Finance Team Chair), Carol Hutchison (Finance Secretary) or Walter Wood, any of which would be glad to discuss this possibility with you. This donation can be done anytime during the year, and most Financial Institutions will work with you to make these contributions once or multiple times during the year. **The only thing you need to consider is that your contribution must be received by the church before the end of the calendar year to qualify for this year's contribution. For this year, all contributions need to be in the church by December 21.**

Outreach

For the past several weeks, you have heard Pastor Darick reference during his message, how we as a church need to “give back” to those in need of assistance and help. As we look around our church, we have many blessings to be thankful for. As a congregation how we use the donations and monies of the church to the blessings of others is one of those things we need to celebrate.

This year a few of those blessings we have been able to share in our outreach include:

- Monetary Donations are made **Quarterly** to support benevolences in St. Albans, including Christs Kitchen, Food Pantry, Jubilee Fund, Jericho House and Hezekiah House. **Each year our church donates over \$10,000 to these benevolences**
- Scholarships for Undergraduate and post Graduate students. This year our church supported 1 Graduate Student, John Boggess and 3 undergraduate students Nolan Duncan, Ethan Wood and Nate Price. Scholarships this year to assist our youth were \$18,000
- Our Church sponsored 41 families with Christmas Baskets for our 2024 Basket drive, and this year hope to do more.
- Continued evolution of a Youth and Children's program including Sunday School and planned events for youth children to attend beyond our normal Church services.
- Sponsored “Art for All” showcasing the talent of many individuals in the community and church as they shared their artistic talent.
- Assisted with donations to the SNAP program to help ensure the continued success of this important program.
- Opening the Church kitchen for “Kids in the Kitchen” for elementary school age children.

So, as the Church looks back at how we are spending donations and contributions for Outreach, we should be proud of the programs we continue to support. Your donations and financial support of St. Andrew is making a difference in the lives of not only our Church, but also in our community.



Again, this year our church will be collecting adult and children's **coats and shoes** for Christ Kitchen. Donations can be brought beginning mid October through the end of November and placed in the box in the overflow. Questions contact Lois Downey, 304-545-1852.

Prayer Concerns for October 1, 2025

Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham

Jill Taylor

Dan Rittenhouse

Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Bob Hubbard and Family

Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker

Tim Dempsy, cousin of Josh Reuter

Beverly Loftis

Ed Crawford

Tony Losacco

Tom Willis by Amy Loftis

Leora McCoy

Sue Devitt by Charlie and Leona McCoy

Mary Frances Combs

Alice Baldwin

Nassar by Leigh Long

Larry Winter, Claudia Bowles's brother

Leigh Long

Pam Cochran

Melanie Ogu

Ted Danford

Emma Gandee

Sympathy to the family of Ross Gillmore, father-in-law of Nick Patel

Jerry McCormick, brother of Joyce Dixon

Mike Sublette

Jane Beth Talley Haus

Lela Ann Carroll