

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026



OUR WORSHIP HOUR BEGINS AT 11:00 AM EACH SUNDAY.
Nursery and Sunday School for children will be provided.

July 2026 Calendar



Bible Study is held every Thursday morning at 10:30 AM. We meet at
Coal River Coffee on Olde Main Plaza in St. Albans.

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

They will be taking their summer break during the month of July.

Karate is held every Monday at 6:00 PM in Friendship Hall

Boy Scouts meet every Monday evening at 6:30 PM in Cottrell Hall

Cub Scouts meet every Thursday evening at 6:30 PM in Cottrell Hall

Birthdays in July

Larkspur



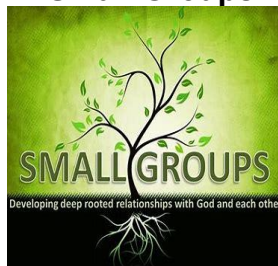
Water Lily



July 7
July 8
July 14
July 16
July 18
July 21
July 22
July 25
July 29

Mary Lou Stowers
Judy Withrow
Pat Hart
DeAnn Thomas
Connie Winter
Abby Hall
Julia Epperson
Woody Lucas
Brenda Parsons
Harriet Peters

Small Groups



Tim's small group meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM on Zoom
Bob's small group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom
Amy's small group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom
Fishermen's small group is attending the Thursday Bible study at 10:30 AM.

Pastor's Corner

CLEAN WATER FOR WEST VIRGINIA

In Exodus 17, after the Israelites have been liberated from Egypt, they find themselves wandering in the desert without water. At this they begin to fight with Moses, and Moses cries out to the Lord for answers. The Lord replies that Moses is to strike the rock at Horeb with the very same staff he struck the Nile. Moses did this in the sight of the elders and the Israelites were provided with the water.

This story, one that I vaguely remember from my Sunday school days as a child, I think may have some wise advice for us today. We are in the midst of a water crisis where so much of our state, especially the coalfields, is without potable water. It has been made abundantly clear by our elected leaders that this is not a priority. However, God hears the cries of God's people, and God always responds, even when leaders turn away from those they are sworn to represent and protect.

When we look at Exodus 17, we have Moses, a leader of people who listens to the cries of his people. This stands in stark contrast to the Pharaoh they just escaped, who cared only about the output the Israelites were capable of producing. Moses sought answers, crying out to God to provide an answer in a time of great need.

While our leaders today seem most concerned with profit margins and work output (e.g. work requirements), like Pharaoh, we are seeing countless Moses-es being raised up to meet the need. We have individuals like Rev. Brad Davis, Rev. Caitlyn Ware offering water weekly while advocating for clean water through From Below. We have Brittany Baker and he class of middle school students from Wyoming County dedicated to constructing low cost water purification systems that can provide clean water solutions on an individual basis – a welcome answer, especially when there appears to be no vision for water system overhaul by our leaders. There are also others that continue to surface as the problem becomes more and more defined.

On July 26th, we will join together with St. Andrew and host Rev. Brad Davis as he leads us in a service of Word and Table, and then following we will be having a meal with a presentation time to better understand the work that is taking place. Also, in the

coming weeks, I hope to meet with Brittany Baker and learn more about the work that she is doing, and how to support the efforts that lie ahead.

So right now I would ask that you keep our Moses-es in prayer, and that God would continue to raise up leaders from the grassroots with new vision and new answers. I also ask that you mark your calendar for July 26th, and perhaps even invite friends, family, and colleagues to join for this special service and presentation, where we welcome Rev. Brad Davis. Also, take the time to learn more about our Water Crisis – the 60 minutes Episode bruary is a great place to start, and I'd also recommend following From Below: Rising Together for Coalfield Justice and Michael Bowman, a digital creator that is doing a lot of great work in West Virginia. More opportunities will soon arise, so please keep asking and keep praying in these days, weeks, months, and years of work that lie ahead.

-Pr. Darick

From Below:

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/629075958675198>

Michael Bowman:

<https://www.youtube.com/@mbowmantv>

Wyoming County Water Project Phase 2:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-students-bring-clean-water-to-their-community>

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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



OUTREACH

Christ's Kitchen:

Food Pantry: canned fruit, canned greens and canned meat

Christ's Kitchen: 3 section Styrofoam food containers, canned chili with beans, and corn

YOUTH TRIP TO WATER WAYS!!

The youth will be going to Water Ways on Saturday, July 11, 2026. We will car pool from the church to the pool. Please be at the church by 9:45 AM. Pick up will be at

5:00 PM.

The admission fee and lunch will be provided.

If interested in helping or for any information, please contact maeleetharp@gmail.com



Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker

Beverly Loftis

Rev. Jarrold Lanham

Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker

Alice Baldwin

Mary Frances Combs

Bob and Karen Tate, Bev Hart's brother in law

Cathy Henley Lankford

Emma Gandee

Nancy Lawrence

Jan Quinlan, sister of Diana Beane

Lela Ann Carroll by the Downeys

Ann McComas

Larry Winter, brother of Claudia Bowles.

Adam Shope, Nancy Crawford's nephew

Barbara Asbury

Kathy Talley

Barbara Murray, mother of a friend of John Boggess

Carmen Priddy

Carol Linger, Ed Pauley's mother