

ST. ANDREW'S  
February 2026 Newsletter  
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**ST. ANDREW EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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201 SOUTH MAIN STREET, MUNCY, PA 17756

*Sunday Mornings*

**Worship : 9:15 am**

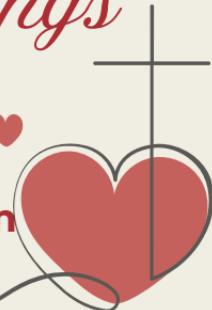
with Children's Program

**Sunday School : 10:30 am**

for youth & adults



Coffee Fellowship before & after  
services



**Communion is the first Sunday of  
every month & special Sundays  
throughout the year!**

# From the Pastor's Desk

*"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." — 1 Peter 4:8*

As I considered the topic for this month's Pastor's page, my mind was pulled in two directions: should I focus on the theme of love, as we celebrate Valentine's Day? Or should I focus on repentance as we observe Lent? But the more I considered it, it struck me that the two are not mutually exclusive. Love, after all, is the reason that Jesus went to the cross for us. As we ponder the depth and magnitude of Christ's love, our appropriate response is that of humility and repentance.

Our journey toward the cross reminds us that God's love does not ignore our brokenness; it moves toward it. Lent gives us space to ask honest questions: Where have I grown distant from God? What habits or fears are shaping my actions more than love? Where am I holding back trust, forgiveness, or obedience? What is competing for my attention and my affection? Lent isn't about shaming us to "do better." It's about God's deep love for us and His desire to restore us. When the Holy Spirit reveals areas of our lives that need correction or healing, it's an invitation to draw closer to Him, not a condemnation.

Lent often includes the practice of prayer and fasting. Some people choose to fast from certain foods, others fast from media, television, etc. The point is not to punish ourselves, but to make holy room. When we let go of distractions, we create space for God to speak to us in a less hindered environment. Fasting also allows us to model an attitude of surrender, following in the footsteps of Christ, who surrendered everything to the will of the Father.

As we turn our eyes toward the cross this Lenten season, may we see more clearly the love of Christ displayed in both His words and His wounds. Jesus' sacrifice was the ultimate statement of love - to lay down His life for us so what we could be made new. In light of this, we are now free to love others not because they deserve it, but because Christ loved us first. We are free to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Let us walk humbly with God this Lenten season knowing that it's not perfection that holds us in His hands, but the love and grace that He poured out on the cross.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Ben

## **FEBRUARY OUTREACH - SON LIGHT HOUSE**

The Son Light House is a non-profit organization, that with your generous donations will be able to distribute food, clothing and limited furniture to eligible individuals and families in our community.



## **FEBRUARY CARE CARDS - JIM MUFFLY**

Our February Care Cards will be going to Jim Muffly. We have cards available in the Narthex or you can bring your own. Please sign them with an encouraging note or thoughtful message and give them to the office to be mailed. Thank you!

## **SOUP, SANDWICHES & SWEETS**

Please join us on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11am for a luncheon in celebration of Valentines Day. No matter your age or stage in life, Valentines Day can be celebrated because of God's great love. Enjoy an assortment of soups, sandwiches and tasty sweets provided by the Parish Life Committee. If interested in attending please sign up in the Narthex.



## **THANK YOU!**

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all of your prayers, food, cards, cookies, texts, and visits, while recouping in UPMC and at home. God is so good and is healing me, slowly but surely.

Love In Christ,  
Kay Myers

## **BUILDING INPUT**

The Property Committee is looking for input from the congregation as to what finishing touches you would like to see in our new building addition! There is a suggestion sheet in the Narthex for ideas. If you have any questions, please see Joe Cardinale or Dick Gruver!



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Please join your St. Andrew family on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. for some relaxation, conversation and another delicious dinner hosted by our Parish Life Committee. Please sign-up in the Narthex. Meals to be delivered to shut-ins at 5 p.m.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Ash Wednesday Worship (with imposition of ashes) at 7 pm. We also invite you, as your schedule allows, to our Open Sanctuary, between 9 & 10 am, for a time of prayer and imposition of ashes.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Our Small Group Bible Study will meet February 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall classroom. We would love to have you join us!

### MEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

The Men's monthly Bible Study will meet on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8am and continue working through the book of Titus!

### WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's monthly Bible Study will meet on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8am to continue our study of Jennifer Rothschild's *Heaven*.

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us on Wednesdays during Lent, (2/25-3/25) at 7 p.m. at Muncy Baptist Church for our shared Lenten Bible Study, *Journey to Jerusalem*, co-hosted with Muncy Baptist Church & Pleasantview Wesleyan Church.





# Kids Korner

## Easy Heart Suncatcher

### Supplies

- Pre-cut foam or felt hearts, two per suncatcher
- Baubles to decorate the hearts (pompoms, buttons, jewels, stickers, glitter glue, etc.) You can mix and match.
- Craft glue
- Scissors
- Contact paper
- Hole punch
- Valentine Day's colored tissue paper (red, pink, purple)
- Ribbon
- Black marker or pencil

1. Take one of the foam or felt hearts. Follow the contour of the heart and trace a smaller heart inside it. Cut out that heart in order to create the frame for the suncatcher. (Save the small heart and set it aside.)
2. Trace the outline of the larger heart on the contact paper and cut out that heart.
3. Cut or rip the colored tissue paper into small pieces and glue them to the contact paper.
4. Let the colored tissue paper dry on the contact paper heart.
5. Decorate the large heart frame by applying glue dots and adding the baubles you want to use. (Space out the larger items and use the smaller items to fill in the gaps.)
6. Let the glue dry.
7. Glue the contact paper heart to the back of the heart frame.
8. Use the small heart -- cut from the larger heart and set aside -- to use as a template to make a second heart frame with the second pre-cut foam or felt heart.
9. Place the second large heart frame on the back of the first heart frame so that it lines up; then glue the two frames together. (Before gluing, please read no.10 below.)
10. If you want to hang the heart suncatcher, use the hole punch to punch a hole large enough to thread ribbon through it. (Note: If the frame does not have a large enough space at the top center for a hole to be punched, glue the ribbon to the back of the first heart frame at the top center, before gluing on the second heart frame.)

# Quiz Zone

## February Quiz - True or False?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ The woman at the well had at least five husbands.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus asked the woman at the well for bread to eat.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ In the Gospel of John, the Sea of Galilee is called the Sea of Tiberias.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter betrayed Jesus with a kiss.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Satan is the father of lies.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter asked his shipmates to cast him into the sea.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah was in the belly of a great fish for four days and four nights.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ In an attempt to run from the presence of the Lord, Jonah tried to flee to Tarshish.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah danced while inside a giant fish.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Jonah proclaimed that Nineveh would be overturned in sixty days.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Nun was Joshua's brother.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ The Euphrates is described as "the great river" in the book of Joshua.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua sent spies into Jericho.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua was 120 years old when he died.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph's bones were buried at Shechem.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Levi was the first tribe to enter the Promised Land.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ The city of Jericho was famous for its fallen walls.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Jephthah ran from his brothers and dwelt in the land of Tob.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Abdon had fifty-two sons.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Elimelech was Samson's father.

**Answers will be in the March Newsletter**

## ANNIVERSARIES

February 18, 1995 - Jim & Karen Krum

February 27, 1999 - Jack & Cindy McArdle



## BIRTHDAYS

February 04 - Julie Roller

February 09 - Kelly Merrifield

February 10 - Joy Barto

February 13 - Nancy Heivly

February 13 - Lukas Merrifield

February 15 - Michele Styer

February 17 - Grace Hogan

February 20 - Leslie Houser

February 25 - Spencer Gardner

February 27 - Gina Styer



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## SH-IN-E TIME TEACHERS

February 01 - Karen Krum & Kathy Heilman  
February 08 - Terri Stermole & Luanne Libbey  
February 15 - Darlene Waldron & Sheila Morehart  
February 22 - Katie Lander & Julie Roller

## GREETERS

February 01 - Becky Hibschman & Jim Lenhart  
February 08 - Larry & Sharon Barnard  
February 15 - Nancy Heivly  
February 18 - Luanne Libbey  
February 22 - Tom & Dee Knight

## LECTORS

February 01 - Sheila Morehart  
February 08 - Michele Styer  
February 15 - Erik Houser  
February 18 - Steve Haddon  
February 22 - Larry Barnard

If you can't serve on your Sunday, please try and get a replacement and let the office know. If you are unable, please contact the office and we will take care of it. Thank you!  
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## ALTAR GUILD

Katie Lander

## ACOLYTE

February 01 - Gina Styer  
February 08 - Sam Haddon  
February 15 - Lila Styer  
February 18 - Levi Lander  
February 22 - Levi Lander

## COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Dick Gruver

## ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY

Becky Hibschman