



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (USA)

Andrew's Net



February 2026

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We are Building a Servant Community
Seeking to be Christ's Hands and Heart.

Prayer For February

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for Your love and
guidance as we enter February.
Please guide and protect my
family, friends, and me
throughout this month. Help us
to reflect Your love in our actions
and thoughts, and provide
strength and comfort to those in
need. May we remember Your
greatest act of love through
Jesus Christ and share that love
with others.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

FEBRUARY

Pulpit Supply

February 1: Rev. Jody McDevitt
February 8: Rev. David Bierschwale
February 15: Rev. David Bierschwale
February 22: Sister Mary Dostal

Liturgist

February 1: Sandy Welch
February 8: Bob Wood
February 15: Curt Kochner
February 22: Sandy Welch

Musicians

February 1: Martha Krebill
February 8: Jo Chatman
February 15: Martha Krebill
February 22: Jo Chatman

Greeters and Ushers

February 1: Bob and Mary Wood, Dave Kimball
February 8: Don Johnson, Sandy Welch, Mike Paterson
February 15: Judy Anderson, Janie Wendland, Jim Tarr
February 22: Anyone available

Birthday

4 Sandra McKee
6 Shirley Dore
7 Janet Larkin
13 Sonya Skaggs
14 Bob Wood
16 Jeff Kessler

Anniversary

2 Linda & Tom Molyneux
8 Judy & Bill Andersen



February 1
 February 5
 February 6

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 February 11

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 February 26

 February 27

Speaker: Rev. Jody McDevitt
 Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
 Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.
 Speaker: Rev. David Bierschwale
 Facilities Committee meets at 10 a.m.
 Worship Committee meets at 11 a.m.
 Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
 Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.
 Dab N' Gab
 Speaker: Rev. David Bierschwale
 Presidents Day
 Ash Wednesday Service at 5:30 p.m.
 Writers Group meets at 10 a.m.
 Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
 Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.
 Speaker: Sister Mary Dostal
 Sorority meets at 12:30 p.m.
 Al-Anon meets at 8 p.m.
 Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m.
 Bluegrass Jam Group 7-9 p.m.

Quilting

- After all their wonderful hard work, the quilting group will be taking a well-deserved break this February. They'll be back together again in March at their usual time.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will be studying hymns of the church, looking at their stories and connecting them with scripture.
 Please join us each Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the Garden Room

February 3 There is a Balm in Gilead #792
 February 10 Praise Ye the Lord the Almighty #35
 February 17 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #366
 February 24 Craft

FAM
Chair Yoga at St. Andrew

Thanks to the thoughtful efforts of Sandy Welch, we are exploring the possibility of offering a Chair Yoga class here at St. Andrew. Sandy has found a wonderful instructor who is willing to lead the classes, designed specifically to meet the needs of our seniors. The classes would focus on strengthening core muscles, improving balance, and enhancing overall well-being, all in a gentle, accessible format. Classes would run for 6 weeks, and we could offer them once or twice a week, depending on interest. Sandy is seeking at least 6 participants to commit to the session. Men and women are welcome, and no prior flexibility is required to join. The proposed cost is \$5 per class, significantly lower than typical yoga offerings. If you are interested, please let us know:

- Would you prefer morning or afternoon classes?
- Would you attend twice a week?
- Which days would work best for you?

We are grateful to Sandy for bringing this opportunity to St. Andrew, and we hope many will take advantage of this chance to strengthen, stretch, and connect with others in our community.

Sunday School
Reflections on the Lord's Prayer

Beginning Sunday, February 28th, the Adult Sunday School class will offer a 6-week course titled Reflections on the Lord's Prayer. This study, written by award-winning Christian educator Carol Wehrheim, co-editor of Growing in God's Love (part of the Feasting on the Word curriculum) invites participants to deepen their understanding of the Lord's Prayer and to pray it with renewed energy and insight. Everyone is warmly welcome to join the class at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings for meaningful discussion, reflection, and fellowship.

GARDEN GLEANINGS
by Dave Kimball

Despite this winter's odd weather, spring is clearly on its way, and we're looking ahead to our 24th year of the garden serving the Billings community—hard to believe how quickly the years pass.

Our new church website features a great section on the garden, labyrinth, and Earth Care Community, including an online plot application that several eager gardeners have already used. I encourage you to check it out at standrewbillings.org.

The Garden Committee meets February 4 to plan for the year, including participation in the March 7 Seed Swap at the Billings Library and scheduling spring workdays to prepare for planting. We'll also be building an arbor at the labyrinth entrance in advance of World Labyrinth Day on May 2, a project delayed last year by the pergola installation. Other goals include improving no-till cultivation, continuing the battle with bindweed (surely a divine test), and further developing the Native Plant Demonstration Garden to promote water-wise, wildlife-friendly landscaping.

**A Season of Change at St. Andrew
Honoring the Past, Growing Into the Future**

By: Maggie Brock



With the New Year underway and spring quickly approaching, change is evident both outdoors and within the life of St. Andrew. As the natural world begins movement toward renewal and growth, the church itself is embracing thoughtful updates that reflect both its history and its hopes for the future.

Several exciting developments are now taking shape. St. Andrew's new website, designed and built by Rebel River Creative, is officially up and running. The refreshed site offers a welcoming, modern presence and provides an easier way for members, visitors, and the wider community to connect with the church and stay informed. In addition, updates to the church's Facebook page are expected by the end of the month, strengthening St. Andrew's online outreach and communication.

Even the Net Newsletter, a long-standing and familiar part of church life, is preparing for a refresh. After many years in its current format, this month will mark the final issue with its traditional look. While the design will be updated, the heart of the newsletter will remain unchanged, continuing to share important information, updates, and stories that reflect the life of the congregation.

These changes are the result of ongoing conversation, collaboration, and support from the St. Andrew community. Input and feedback from members have played an important role in shaping these updates, demonstrating the congregation's shared investment in the church's future and its continued growth.

Alongside the launch of the new website, St. Andrew is also pleased to introduce a new church logo. Rebel River Creative worked over many months to better understand the congregation's identity, values, and vision, resulting in a design that is both meaningful and familiar.

The logo features a cross and a vine. The cross centers the design on Jesus Christ, the foundation of the Christian faith, while its Celtic style reflects the crosses found both outside the church and within the sanctuary. The vine symbolizes growth and the congregation's hope to continue growing in faith and community. It also reflects St. Andrew's garden, its care for God's creation, and echoes elements of the previous logo's Celtic knot. The image calls to mind Jesus' words: *"I am the vine; you are the branches."* (John 15:5)

As St. Andrew moves forward into the year ahead, these updates represent a balance of gratitude and anticipation, thankful for the past, attentive to the present, and hopeful for what is still to come. Change, approached with care and intention, becomes an opportunity to reflect who the church is and who it is becoming.



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting

Following an inspiring message by Terri Todd, co-founder of Gratitude in Action, a preview of our new webpage, and a wonderful soup and salad lunch, St. Andrew held its 58th Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 25.

Susan Thomas opened the meeting with prayer and used the visual aids of a rearview mirror and a pair of binoculars to preview our time together. The rearview mirror reflects looking back over the year and the binoculars represent looking forward. Our annual meeting is a time of both: we look back and see the work of the Holy Spirit and we look forward as we anticipate God's continuing blessings. Past, present, and future, we celebrate being in God's hands.

During our meeting:

- We honored Marvel Shearer and Doris Krebill, charter members who died this year.
- We heard from and celebrated our hard-working committees.
- We expressed gratitude for Maggie Brock and Shirley Dore and their faithful work!
- Don Johnson and Bob Wood were elected to the Session, Mike Paterson and Annette Bayley to the Deacons, Sonya Skaggs and Diana Rogers to the Nominating Committee and Bob Wood and Sandy Welch were elected as St. Andrew Trustees.
- Jeff Kessler presented our 2025 Financial Report and 2026 Budget.

Special thanks to Janie Wendland, Sandy Welch, Patti Johnson, Dave and Gail Kimball, and all of FAM for the wonderful lunch!

Thanks to Jim Tarr, Cynthia Kessler, and Diana Rogers for their service as elders and deacon.

Thanks to Ben Larson, Stated Clerk, for preparing our packet and Curt Kochner, session scribe, for taking notes.

Thanks to Jeff Kessler for his work as our treasurer and interpreting our financial reports and budget so clearly for us!

We are so grateful for our congregation!



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