# The Fisherman's Network

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***Our Mission:*** *"To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."*
***Our Vision:*** *"Believe in God, Follow Jesus, and Serve Others."*

## May 2026 Newsletter

From the Pastor's Desk

**"Send me, a man skilled to work…" 2Chronicles 2:7, 13-14.**

God is constantly looking for gifted and talented people to do his work. King Solomon too, wanted skilled workmen in craftsmanship work in building the Lord's temple.

God's work deserves high quality work that will honor the Lord's name.

So, in our church we, too, welcome all people to use their skills, gifts and talents. I am grateful for the talent we have at St. Andrews church. These gifts, talents, and skills help us take the gospel to many communities around St. Andrews church.

We want the products from these skills to help minister to those who are especially unchurched.

With boldness and compassion let us boost our skills to honor the Lord.

Please do not rest on past success and work, a lot more needs to be done to build the kingdom of God.

So, let us continue to plan and prepare to do more work, encouraging our gifted people to find new areas of opportunity to grow and build new relationships.

We are Christ's skilled team of craftworkers. AMEN.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

*St. Andrews Music Notes*

I have always enjoyed the various Disney princess stories, especially the endings where everyone lives happily ever after. A few days ago, Cedar Ridge radio station broadcaster announced that some day we will depart this world and literally live happily ever after in the arms of Jesus. Until that time, let's try to share the word of God and take advantage of learning opportunities that arise.

The adult Sunday School class is a fantastic opportunity to delve deeper into the Word of God and share discussion with each other. I feel so fortunate that our church services are led by Pastor Chris who truly knows and preaches the word of God. Please consider getting more deeply involved with the many aspects of worship service - vocal choir, bell choir, lay reader, communion steward, usher, hymn leader, children's messages, etc. I have only mentioned a few, but know that you are welcome to join any committee or group. Special music will start during the summer and we would love for you to share your vocal or instrumental talents.

Blessings to you!

Lisa Shives
Music Director

*in May*

May 6 - 6:00 pm Worship Committee
May 7 - 7:00 pm Trustees
May 9 - 10:00 – 3:00 Craft Show at American Legion in Waynesboro to benefit veterans
May 10- Mother's Day
May 12- 6:30 pm Finance
May 17- Ascension Sunday
May 20- 11:30 am Sr's Lunch at Western Sizzlin'
May 24- Pentecost Sunday– wear red, white, blue
May 25- Memorial Day
May 26- 7:00 pm Church Council
May 27 to May 30 – BWC Conference
May 31- Trinity Sunday
May 31- Peace with Justice Sunday

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**Consider wearing red, white and blue to worship on May 24th**

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**Special UMC Sunday**
**Peace with Justice Sunday**
**May 31st**

Mission Report

**St. Mark's Food Bank and Bester Elementary**

Thank you for supporting families in our community with food items and student snacks! We delivered 18 boxes of cereal and two other items to the food bank and 152 individual snack packs to Bester Elementary this past month. We will continue cereal donations throughout the summer and snacks to the end of the school year. At this time many families are struggling to put food on the table.

**The Yarn Reclamation and Project:**

Elizabeth Alberding is still accepting yarn to be repurposed and donated to others. One bag of yarn was recently delivered to her. Please leave any donations on the hall table. Thank you!

**Society of St. Andrew**

On April 4th free potatoes were given away to our local community and neighboring organizations. We received $151.00 in donations for the Society of St. Andrews Potato Project. A check will be sent to help with the cost of transportation for all the gleaned vegetables throughout the United State. Be looking for the vegetable table in the hallway this summer.

**Bester School and Community of Hope**

The Quilters donated a lovely baby quilt for a raffle at Bester Community of Hope's yearly Babypalooza in April. Someone's baby will be wrapped in love from St. Andrews! Thank you!

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**Fundraiser's Egg Making Was a Success!**

Our peanut butter and coconut eggs continue to be a big favorite

of many people. I have had so many folks tell me that they are by far the best peanut butter eggs in the area.

We made over 6,000 peanut butter and 2,000 coconut eggs this year.

This fundraiser is successful due to all of the dedicated volunteers who have put in many hours making our delicious eggs. In addition to the egg makers, we also had many church members who sold eggs at their workplaces and clubs. The monetary donations and supplies contributed definitely added to our success. Thank you to everyone who had a part in this fundraiser!

Phyllis Ernde

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**Coming in June**
**Mark Your Calendars!**

Second Chances worship and singing group will perform for our worship service on June 21, 2026.

We hope you will consider attending in person for this special service.

**St. Andrews Potato Project**

St. Andrews UMM, working with the Society of St. Andrew and the Baltimore-Washington Conference, sponsored an End Hunger Potato Drop on April 4th, 2026. Our church is blessed to have a large parking lot for the tractor trailer and pick up vehicles without interrupting the local traffic flow. Organizations from Annapolis, Baltimore, Washington, DC, Jefferson County, WV, Waynesboro, PA, and Mercersburg, PA came to Hagerstown to pick up potatoes.

Potatoes were also taken to be distributed to food banks and pantries. The local community demand was even greater than last year. Many bags were distributed through the drive-thru process to local families. Many of the people picking up potatoes indicated they were going to distribute them to multiple families.

Besides the distribution of potatoes to end hunger, the event was a great time for Christian fellowship and meeting fellow Christians all throughout the area. We are grateful for all the help by members from other churches in the area. People pitched in to help load each other's vehicles.

$151 was donated and forwarded to the Society of St. Andrew to support the continuation of their program to end hunger. During the summer, church members bring in their surplus produce which members take for a donation. These monies are sent to the Society of St. Andrew to support the program as well.

It is truly a blessing that our church could sponsor this event. This was our sixth consecutive year to hold this event. Some churches and organizations have come every year to pick up potatoes. These individuals have become friends that we see once a
year.

The Society of St. Andrew does not charge any fees for their services or potatoes. We urge other churches to look for ways to support them in their efforts to end hunger.

Thank you for your continued help and support of our missions!

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**PICTURES OF A SUCCESSFUL 2026 UMM POTATO PROJECT**

**Thanks to the many members and friends who helped with this mission!**