



The Fisherman's Network

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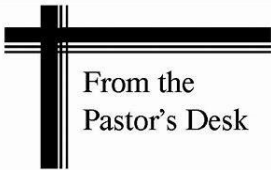
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Our Mission: "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

Our Vision: "Believe in God, Follow Jesus, and Serve Others."

March 2026 Newsletter



From the
Pastor's Desk

Maybe you are one of the people who made plans at the start of 2026 stating that you will have a deeper relationship with Christ. Have you been decisive in following those plans? Don't get discouraged to give up. Stay focused on Jesus. Keep listening, Keep praying. Rededicate yourself to loving and serving the Lord in the community, in church, at home and being in prayer and devotion with Him every day.

What temptations are you going to wrestle with this Lenten journey? The set of temptations that you know about or the ones you haven't yet recognized? Don't be careless. There are temptations that lurk at the door of your life and appear to be innocent.

Lent is a time for self-examination. Admit if you have not followed the Lord's way and plan. Let the light of Christ – grace and love shine in your life.

May the Lord guide us with his mercy beginning Ash Wednesday through Easter.

Blessings,
Pastor Christopher Serufusa



St. Andrews Music Notes

Matthew West has a new song called, "Good" that he just released. One of the lyrics says, "I'm not loved because I'm worthy, I'm loved because You are good."


As we experience the Lenten season, I always feel closer to God and His love for me. I pray that you do also.

The Worship and Music team have planned a special entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It should be very meaningful to take this journey with us. Please plan on continuing this journey through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Kathy Snyder shared with some of us that Easter is not about the bunny but about the Lamb. How very true!

Lisa Shives,
Music Director





Important Dates in March

- Mar 1 - 2nd Sunday in Lent
 Mar 4 - 7:00 pm Music & Worship Committee
 Mar 5 - 7:00 pm Trustees meet
 Mar 7 - Turn your clocks forward when retiring
 Mar 8 - Daylight Savings Time begins
 Mar 8 - 3rd Sunday in Lent
 Mar 10 - 6:30 pm Finance meets
 Mar 14 - 5:30 pm dinner provided to REACH
 Mar 15 - 4th Sunday in Lent
 Mar 15 - UMCOR Sunday
 Mar 15 - April Newsletter articles are due
 Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
 Mar 20 - First Day of Spring
 Mar 22 - 5th Sunday in Lent
 Mar 22 - Last day to order eggs
 Mar 29 - Palm Sunday
 Mar 29 - Last Day to pick up eggs



Set your clocks forward on March 7 when you retire for the night.



2026 Peanut Butter and Coconut Egg Fundraiser!

We will continue making and selling our delicious peanut butter and coconut eggs until Palm Sunday, March 29th.

We would like to thank our wonderful crew for all their hard work. We also really appreciate all the donations of money and supplies that will help make this fundraiser successful.

Deadline to order eggs: March 22nd
 Last day to pick up: March 29th (Palm Sunday)



Volunteers needed to help at REACH Dinner

St. Andrews will be preparing and serving an evening meal again at the Reach Cold Weather Shelter on **March 14th!** Volunteers will meet at Reach, 140 West Franklin Street, Hagerstown, at 5:30 pm to cook the meal. We will begin to serve at 7:00pm. The meal will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green beans, applesauce, rolls, and cupcakes. We will prepare for 70 people.

Let us always remember how blessed we are to share our blessings with others who are so thankful. Let us reach out as Jesus did to meet the needs of the less fortunate and hungry.

If you would like to volunteer, or have questions, please see or contact John Davidson.



Mark Your Calendars! The Potato Drop is April 4th

A sign-up sheet for helpers will be placed in the narthex on March 1st. Please sign up to help distribute potatoes. If you can help in any other way or have new ideas, please contact John Davidson.

On April 4th, we will begin to set up at 7:30am and distribute potatoes from 8:30 to 10:30. We will break down the 50 pound bags into smaller bags for the community.

If you know any organization or individual that is in need of potatoes, please give that information to John Davidson. He will need contact information and the quantity of potatoes requested. We would like to take care of the local needs first but we must have reservations.



REACH Cold Weather Shelter:

We collected \$148.00 on "Souper Bowl Sunday". A check will be sent to Reach and collected supplies will be

delivered in early March to help the staff and volunteers give the homeless a warm place to spend their nights. Your love for others in our community is so appreciated! Thanks in advance to John Davidson and all the volunteers for organizing, preparing, and serving what I'm sure will be a delicious meal on March 14th!

St. Mark's Food Bank:

Thank you for your monthly support of the Food Bank! We delivered 43 boxes of cereal and about 25 boxed and canned items. Every delivery is so appreciated!

Many individuals and families need people who care and share!

Bester Elementary School :

After being off from school due to the snow, the students were glad to be back and have some snacks in the afternoon. They received 160 individual packs in January. It is a blessing to reach out to these children! Thank you!

Brooke's House

We received a wonderful thank you card from the young women at Brooke's House for the lovely winter hats we donated from the Red Bird Tree. "...We would like to thank you for choosing Brooke's House and helping support women like myself during our journey in recovery. We all loved the hats."

Don't forget to visit Brooke's House Coffee and Chocolate (awesome food, coffee, candy, and gifts) and Brooke's House Thrift Shop in the shopping center across from St. Andrews!

UMCOR Sunday- March 15, 2026:

Envelopes will be available for donations to underwrite UMCOR's work so 100% of our donations for disaster relief can go where it is needed!

**Mark
April**



**Your Calendars!
Easter Season Schedule**

April 2 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
at Emmanuel UMC

April 3 7:00 pm Good Friday Service
at St. Andrews UMC

April 4 8:30 am Society of St. Andrew
Potato Project at St. Andrews UMC

April 5 10:00 am Easter Sunday Service
