

2nd Ave Church Scroll

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Pastor's Letter

Church,

It is hard to believe that at the end of this month, the year is half-way over. Some things to think about: have you accomplished half of what you set out to accomplish this year? Have you read half of the number of books you hoped to read? Have you led half of the number of people you were hoping to lead to the Lord? I say these things not to cause anyone feelings of regret, but rather to remind all of us that time is quick and it is so easy to let time slip through our fingers. May we be people who are intentional. May we be people who are wise, and may we be people who make the most of every opportunity.

The month of June is a fantastic month in the life of the church. The month of May ended with Pentecost Sunday. We are a Pentecostal People. We are people who are inspired and led by the Holy Spirit to do ministry and share the gospel into the world. What we believe about God, the church, our witness, and the Bible matters and those beliefs should lead us to act and be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. May we never forget that the promise Jesus made in the Upper Room to send us a helper and one who would be with us forever has come true.

As we live into our new identity as Global Methodists, we may remember that God has called all of us to show grace, love mercy, act justly, and walk humbly with our God. My prayer as your pastor is that none of us would puff our chests out and look down on others but rather we would pray for them and also pray that God would continue to work in our own lives. I will admit this is an exciting chapter for us as a church, and I'll close this letter by saying that we will not forget or leave behind who we are at Second Ave. As a church we are people who are Christ centered, Holy Spirit empowered, people who worship boldly, serve joyfully, and fellowship always.

I am anxious to dialogue with many of you as together we begin this next chapter.

Blessings,
Pastor B

The ROCK

The ROCK is officially over for the 2022-2023 school year! We are in desperate need of more volunteers to keep the ROCK running for next year. The ROCK is continuing to grow. With over 150 kids registered, and over 60 coming each week, we are in great need of some ROCK volunteers. If you like working with kids and would like to volunteer, we could use your help. You must complete your clearances and Safe Sanctuary training; these are free through the church. Please be on the lookout for information on the 2023-2024 year! Please reach out to me at ashleymiller1228@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions. We encourage families to join us on Facebook/@TheROCKat2ndAve.

-Ashley Harclerode, ROCK Director

Second Avenue and Ben Blessed are teaming up for a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday June 24th from 7:30-10:30. All are welcome to come and support this delicious breakfast. Proceeds will benefit both the Second Avenue Food Bank and Ben Blessed's ministry.

Sunday schools will continue throughout the summer. Check with your teacher for more of a specific schedule. Thursday Bible study will stay at 10 AM on Thursday mornings the group is studying the Gospel of John. A Monday evening study for the summer is beginning on Monday June 12th at 6:30 PM at the parsonage: 415 E Crawford Ave. Altoona, PA 16602.

For the month of June Second Avenue will have a blessing table at Saturate Altoona on 6/11, 6/18, and 6/25. If anyone would like to run the table on 6/4 please contact Pastor Brian immediately. The blessing tables are all free, and they open up in Heritage Plaza at 5:30 PM. Worship will begin at 6:30 PM.

Mark your calendar for our Splash Park night at 6 PM on July 6th, VBS which will be July 10th-14th and Rise Up Camp which will be July 24th-28th.

June Counters: Don Ferguson Jane Lonsinger
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Treasurer's Report

Balance end of MARCH. \$17,816.12

Total Receipts for APRIL:
\$38,114.99

Total Disbursements for
APRIL \$43,661.34

Balance end of APRIL:
\$12,269.77

Gift Cards

APRIL Gift Card Profit: \$27.50
2023 Year to Date Profit: \$135.00

20/20 Giving Report

APRIL:

Received \$1200.00

2023 Year to Date \$5953.00

To Missions \$240.00

To Trustees \$960.00

To Disaffiliation Costs \$22,620.00

TOTAL Received to Date:
\$714,239.06

Giving Options:

Mail in to: 130 2nd Ave,
Altoona PA 16602

You may also visit our website
2ndavechurch.org and click on "Give"

Staff:

Lead Pastor: Brian Sandell

Office Manager/Media: Jill Lang

Children's Ministry/ROCK:
Ashley Harclerode

Organist: Anastazia Hall

Praise Band: Jake Baskin,
Chris Ferguson

Choir & Bells: Gabriella Petracca

Custodian: Tom Ardrey

Website: Andrew McNeal

In Office Hours M-Th

8 AM-1 PM (starts 6/5)

Available by email M-F until 4 PM

Sunday Services:

8:15 AM Traditional

10:45 AM Contemporary

9:30 AM Sunday School

4:00 PM Youth Group 6th-12th grade

2nd Ave Kids

Our "Stellar" Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching! We ask that you please sign up in advance so that we can ensure that we have enough supplies. You can sign up using this link:

<https://forms.gle/4pSVEwkYSfHnj8JM7>

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS week, please reach out to Ashley or fill out the volunteer registration in the Elevation Room.

We are in need of Nursery volunteers. Unfortunately, if we do not get more volunteers, we will not be able to keep the nursery staffed every Sunday.

If you are interested in volunteering your time in any of our Children's Ministries, please reach out to me at ashleymiller1228@gmail.com.

At this time, we are also in need of donations of snacks and drinks for Junior Church. Juice pouches, small water bottles, goldfish, fruit snacks, and any other prepackaged snacks are greatly appreciated. Please continue to watch the Second Ave Kids Facebook Page, as well as the church emails and Second Ave UMC Facebook page for details and updates.

-Ashley Harclerode

Nursery Schedule

The nursery is staffed during our 10:45 AM service with volunteers who have had clearances and Safe Sanctuary training and is available for ages newborn-age 3.

4th Yvonne Huber, Ashley Wombacher | 11th Lara Sandell, Jenn Schultz

18th Ashley Harclerode, Cassie Sweeney | 25th Janna Detterbeck,
Jody Langguth

Congrats! 2023 Graduate

Alec Ferguson, grandson of Linda & Ron Ferguson, graduating from Hollidaysburg Area High School with plans to attend Robert Morris University in the fall

Summer Hours

Beginning Monday, June 5th, the office will be open Mon-Thurs 8 AM-1 PM and available by email Mon-Fri until 4 PM. (Jill is also available most Sundays before/between services)

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is open the last Friday of every month (donations of non-perishable, in date food items are always taken—call the office to make arrangements). For June the date will be Friday the 30th. We begin at 11 AM. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the church office.

Monthly Luncheon

A free soup & sandwich luncheon is held the third Saturday every month from 11:30 AM-1 PM—you can dine it or take out. All are welcome! If you're interested in preparing a soup, please sign up in the sanctuary. June's date is Saturday the 17th

If you would like a birthday & anniversary list, please contact the church office and we can mail one, email one or have one for you to pick up