

2nd Ave UMC Scroll

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Pastor's Letter

Church,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe it is 2023, but here we are. God has accomplished some amazing things and opened some amazing doors that many of you have been faithful to walk through this past year. 2022 brought some moments of great joy, brought some moments of great sadness, but last year also increased our faith and multiplied our joy. As this year unfolds, it is with great joy that I want to share with you that God is about to do a new thing in our midst. I pray that as you rest and reset, you will feel God's presence over your home, workplace, school, neighborhood, and church. I pray for wisdom for all of us as we navigate how to be the light of the world in a world covered in darkness. May the beginning of this year bring rest, revival, renewed hope, and a fresh perspective for us all.

Many of you will be making New Year's resolutions in early January. My encouragement to you as your pastor is to be all in. Please make worship a priority for you. There is value to worshipping online, especially if you're ill or away, but if you can be here in person on a Sunday morning, my encouragement would be to come to worship in person. Be all in on your quiet time with God. Make time to sit in His presence. Listen to God's voice over your life. Feel God's wisdom guide you, and His love transform you. Finally, be active in finding Christian fellowship. As a church, we will keep bringing opportunities to connect, grow, relate, and be encouraged; sign up for those opportunities and be blessed as you fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. Be faithful in prayer. Be voracious to read God's word and be amazed at how God has transformed your life.

Blessings,
Pastor B

The ROCK

Thank you to everyone that donated to the ROCK Christmas! The children had a wonderful time celebrating, playing games, opening gifts, and most importantly learning about Jesus' birth.

We are still in great need for 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. 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](https://www.facebook.com/TheROCKat2ndAve).

-Ashley Harclerode, ROCK Director

Thank you for the very generous Christmas offering to Wycliffe Bible translators. Your generosity allows more people to hear God's word in their own language.

Pastor Brian is planning a fun fellowship activity for mid to late January. Stay tuned for more details and look to sign up!!

We'll be making Chocolate-covered strawberries for this Valentine's Day —get ready to order some delicious berries for that special someone.

Communion will be served on Sunday, January 8th

January Counters:
Priscilla Hiedler
Larry Rupp

Treasurer's Report

Balance end of OCT. \$15,038.38
Total Receipts for NOVEMBER:
\$27,239.01
Total Disbursements for
NOVEMBER: \$34,787.23
Balance end of NOVEMBER:
\$7490.16

Gift Cards

NOV. Gift Card Profit: \$65.00
2022 Year to Date Profit: \$432.50

20/20 Giving Report

NOVEMBER:

Received \$5328.00
2022 Year to Date \$24,729.92
To Missions \$1029.60
To Trustees \$4298.40
TOTAL Received to Date:
\$707,119.86

Giving Options:

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

You may also visit our website
2ndaveumc.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 Petracra
Custodian: Tom Ardrey
Website: Andrew McNeal

In Office Hours M-Th

7:30 AM-1:30 PM

Available by email M-F until 3:30 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

We are so proud of everyone who participated in the Christmas pageant. The kids did such a wonderful job and worked so hard. Thank you to everyone who helped make this so much fun and such a success for the kids.

We are in need of Nursery and Sunday School volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time in any of our Children's Ministries, please reach out to me at ashleymiller1228@gmail.com. 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.

1/1 No Staffed Nursery		1/8 Nic Harclerode, Ashley Wombacher
1/15 Rob Miller & TBA		1/22 Jody Langguth, Cassie Sweeney
1/29 Ashley Harclerode, Raelyn Kruis		

January Communion

Communion will be held on Sunday, January 8th due to the holiday falling on the first Sunday.

Office Break Reminder

The Church Office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23rd through Monday, Jan. 2nd for Christmas break—calls and emails after 1:30 on Thursday 12/22 will be returned Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.

All Church Meeting

There is an all-church meeting on Sunday, January 8th at 12:15 in the Social Hall. There will be lunch provided, and we will discuss the future of our church and the United Methodist denomination. Please make it a priority to attend. Contact Pastor Brian with any questions.

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 January the date will be Friday the 27th. 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. January's date is Saturday the 21st.

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