

# 2nd Ave Church Scroll

MAY 2023

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## Pastor's Letter

Church,

May is one of my favorite months of the year. In the month of May the flowers are in full bloom. The weather is starting to get warmer. School is winding down, and the joy of summer is upon us. In the month of May, we also honor our earthly mothers and also our spiritual mothers as well. During this month I pray that you make Mother's Day, May 14th, a day to celebrate and reflect on the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and spiritual mothers God has blessed you with in your life. With a church our size I'm sure there are some reading and thinking, "My mother wasn't that great," or "My mother was taken too soon..." I pray this Mother's Day that you would rejoice and see that even though your earthly might have been absent or failed more times than she succeeded, I pray you would look and see how God provided for your needs and how He was faithful to you.

As I write this, I am so thankful for the amazing women God has put in my life. Women who have challenged me, laughed with me, cried with me, believed in me, and led me to Jesus. My amazing wife, Lara Sandell, has always been a source of strength, prayer, and vision. She inspires me daily. My mother, Annette Sandell taught me and modeled Biblical humility and hospitality. My maternal grandmother Mary Bussey modeled generosity and joy. She has been with Jesus since 2015. My paternal grandmother Catherine Young modeled a strong sense of perseverance and an unconditional love for family. She has been with Jesus since 2002. This Mother's Day wherever your relationship is with your mother, grandmother, aunt, or spiritual mother I pray that you see and experience the faithfulness of God in always providing for your needs.

Blessings,  
Pastor B

H A P P Y  
*Mother's Day*

## The ROCK

The end of the 2022-2023 ROCK year is quickly approaching. Our last ROCK for this year will be May 10<sup>th</sup>. ROCK volunteers needed! The ROCK is continuing to grow. With over 100 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](mailto: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

*Our next church potluck luncheon will be held on Sunday May 28th. All are welcome and invited to an amazing meal and great fellowship.*

*Pastor Brian is looking for people to set up communion on a monthly basis. He can teach you and show how to prepare the elements and set up communion for both 815 and 1045.*

*The Congregational Committee will be having a meeting to check in really briefly between services on Sunday May 28th. Please meeting in the Gathering place at 10 AM for a brief check in meeting.*

*Pastor Brian is looking to begin a Bible study on the television show, "The Chosen," the date and time will be announced later this month. Please sign up so Pastor Brian can know the best location to have the study. The study will meet this summer.*

*Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible school which will be July 10th-14th and Rise Up Camp which will be July 24th-28th.*

May Counters:  
Roger Morgan  
Marian Rice

### Treasurer's Report

Balance end of FEB. \$17,395.91

Total Receipts for MARCH:  
\$32,616.59

Total Disbursements for  
MARCH \$32,196.38

Balance end of MARCH:  
\$17,816.12

### Gift Cards

MARCH Gift Card Profit: \$25.00

2023 Year to Date Profit: \$107.50

### 20/20 Giving Report

#### MARCH:

Received \$1137.74

2023 Year to Date \$4753.20

To Missions \$171.55

To Trustees \$886.19

To Disaffiliation Costs \$80.00

TOTAL Received to Date:  
\$713,039.06

#### 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

*\*the church office will be closed on*

*Monday, May 29th\**

## 2nd Ave Kids

The kids had so much fun at the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you all for coming and to those who helped make it happen.

Summer will be here before we know it and with summer comes Vacation Bible School! We can wait for you all to join us for a "Stellar" time. We welcome all kids age 4 through entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade to attend. <https://forms.gle/4pSVEwkYSfHnj8JM7> Please use the link to sign up for VBS. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS week, please let me know.

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](mailto: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.*

May 7th Lara Sandell & TBA | May 14th Tamara Kruis, Rob Miller

May 21st Jody Langguth, Jenn Schultz | May 28th Nic Harclerode,

Cassie Sweeney

## Mother's Day Celebration

On Sunday, May 14th between services, we will celebrate all the moms here at 2nd Ave with pastries and drinks in the Gathering Place—all are welcome!

## Graduation Announcements

If you have a high school or college graduate that you would like us to recognize this June, please contact Jill in the church office by Monday, May 15th.

## 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 May the date will be Friday the 26th. We begin at 11 AM. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the church office.

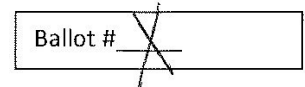
## Monthly Luncheon

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. May's date is Saturday the 20th.

*\*\*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\*\**

## 2nd Ave Next Chapter Voting

From April 30th through May 14th, ballots can be picked up (on Sundays, Jill will be in the Gathering Place before/between services) on Sundays or during office hours. We will be voting to decide the direction 2nd Ave will be going after voting to disaffiliate. The options are: Free Methodist, Global Methodist or Independent/Non-Denominational. Information on these options were presented here at the church back in March; we can send you the link to the video of the presentation, or email/give you a printed copy of the notes from the meeting. There was also an email sent out in early April that had links for you to be able to look into these options (contact the church office if you would like this emailed to you). You will have until the end of the service on May 14th to turn in your ballot—they can be placed in the offering plate on Sundays or turned into the office during office hours (but again, the last day to turn the ballot in is Sunday, May 14th). Everyone who regularly attends and is 18 or older, or any kids that have been confirmed here at 2nd Ave, may vote this time. Ballots must be picked up in person and must be turned in, in person (only exceptions are our “at home folks” who will be having a ballot brought to them if they choose to vote and will be handed back in to the church office). There is an example below of what the ballot looks like. Each ballot will be numbered, assigned and color coded so they cannot be copied, etc. If you have any questions, please contact the church office, Pastor Brian, or any member of church council.



Please only make one selection; if more than one box is marked, ballot will not be counted.

Must be received by 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave NO LATER than 5/14 at 12:15 PM

I vote for Second Ave UMC to become:

<u>Free Methodist</u> mark X in the box →	<i>example</i> X	<u>Global Methodist</u> mark X in the box →	<i>example</i> X	<u>Independent/Non-Denominational</u> mark X in the box →	<i>example</i> X
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