

# SECOND AVENUE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026  
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## Pastor's Letter

Church,

We are resurrection people! Let me share that again. You and I are children of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The resurrection gives us hope, perspective, and joy, allowing us to see the world through the same lens that God sees it. Your message and your gospel are simple: Jesus lives, Jesus reigns, and one day He will return to this Earth. Proclaim that message with great joy. Allow the resurrection of Jesus to saturate every area of your life. Allow your thoughts to be resurrection thoughts. Let your words drip with the hope and joy that Jesus' resurrection brings. You and I are sons and daughters of the Resurrection: hold on to that profound truth always.

These last ten years have truly been an amazing chapter in my life. I want to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, love, support, and your desire to see the Holy Spirit do something in the East End of Altoona. I believe that Second Avenue Church's best days are ahead. Keep fellowshiping with one another. Worship boldly on Sunday mornings. Worship boldly on Tuesday evenings. Worship boldly throughout the weekend. Worship boldly throughout the morning. I think at this point you get the picture, worship boldly. But allow your worship to lead you into serving with great joy your neighbors, your family, those close to God, and those far from God.

My final day with you will be a day to rejoice, pray, mourn, but a day where we will lift the name of Jesus once again: the only name that should be famous in this church. I would love to see many of you for our combined service at 10 AM on Sunday May 17th. Please note that our family won't be moving until the end of May, and I will be around until then just not as much. May God go with you always, Church.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

## Farewell Service & Luncheon

On Sunday, May 17th we will celebrate Pastor Brian and his family at a combined 10 AM service, followed by a catered luncheon. We ask that you sign up by Tuesday, May 12th so we can ensure we have enough food. (There will not be Sunday school, a staffed nursery or Jr. Church this day as we want all to be able to be in the service.)

## Pastor's Notes

*This summer Second Ave Church has been asked to participate in the Blessing Booths for Saturate Altoona once again. If you are interested in coordinating that please reach out to the church office directly. The dates for those events will be June 7, 14, 21, and 28.*

*Summer camp is right around the corner! The cost to go to the Northeast Global Methodist Camp is \$299 this year. Please sign up through the Northeast Camping online form, and please reach out to the church office with any questions about financial aid. The dates for camp are July 19th-24th.*

*Mother's Day is Sunday, 5/10. We will honor all the moms at 2nd Ave with a small gift this day.*

### Soup & Sandwich

#### Lunch

5/16/26 11:30-1

#### Food Pantry

5/29/26 11 AM

**Text us!**

**833-768-9112**



**Get reminders, send prayer requests, ask questions and more (we will respond during office hours)**

*Staff:*

Lead Pastor: Brian Sandell

Office Manager/Media: Jill Lang

Children's Ministry/ROCK:  
Ashley Harclerode

Organist: Braydon Nihart

Praise Band: Jake Baskin,  
Chris Ferguson

Musical Gifts: Gabriella Petraera

Youth: Nic Harclerode

Custodian: Tom Ardrey

Website: Andrew McNeal

\*In Office Hours Mon.-Thurs.

8 AM-1 PM

\*office generally follows the AASD calendar (closed most bank holidays, etc.—closures will be in the bulletin, on Facebook, etc.)

Sunday Services:

See church calendar for service and Sunday school times

May Counters:

*Bertie Michaels*

*Marian Rice*

Catch up on Sunday services on our YouTube channel

[youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/)

[@secondaveglobalmethodist](https://www.youtube.com/@secondaveglobalmethodist)



## Second Ave Kids

Please join us on May 3<sup>rd</sup> as well say a farewell to the Sandell kids. We will have bounce houses, games, and lunch following the 10:45 service!

If you are interested in volunteering or helping, please reach out and let us know. We are getting more kids in the nursery as well. The nursery will be available as a cry room June-August. Anyone age 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome to join us in Junior Church. We are in desperate need of nursery volunteers for the nursery to be able to staff it for the fall.

Since we have so many kids participating in junior church, we need some drinks and snacks. Currently, we need 8oz water bottles & chips. You can view our Amazon list of the 2nd Ave Kids Facebook page for ideas on what to get.

Save the Date: VBS will be held from July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign-ups and theme will be announced soon!

-Ashley Harclerode, Children's Director  
[ashleymiller1228@gmail.com](mailto:ashleymiller1228@gmail.com)

## Youth Group

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday 5/3 6 -7:30

Sunday 5/10 No Youth – Happy Mother's Day

Sunday 5/17 6 – 7:30

Sunday 5/24 – No Youth – Memorial Day Weekend

Sunday 5/31 – End of School Party at the Stuckey's \*\* This event will be open to all current youth and all youth kids that will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

June and July events will be announced shortly.

Save the Date: August 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be the 2026 Mission Trip for all Youth Group kids in 6<sup>th</sup> through entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you are interested in volunteering for youth group, please let me know.

-Nic Harclerode

## The ROCK

The last day of the ROCK is quickly approaching. May 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have our end of year celebration. We have had a record number for consistency in our attendance this year.

We have had a steady group of kids attending the ROCK each week. It is wonderful to see the children's commitment to coming to our program. In February, we excitedly announced that the ROCK will be expanding for the 2026-2027 year. Beginning in September, the ROCK will be held Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 4:00pm – 5:30pm and Wednesday from 4:00pm – 6:30pm. We have purchased a van to help transport kids to and from the ROCK for next year as well. We would not have been able to do any of this without the generous donation from the Kathleen and Gerald Sheetz Foundation. With this expansion, we are going to need many volunteers. If you can even commit to just doing one day a week or two days a month, it would greatly help this program run. Please reach out to me as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you all for your continued support of such a great program.

-Ashley Harclerode, ROCK Director

## **May Daily Scripture Reading**

For 2026, we are borrowing a daily scripture & devotional from “The Upper Room Disciplines 2026.” Below are the daily verses for May. The daily devotional pieces can be found on our FB page, emailed out to you at the beginning of the month, by picking a monthly packet up here; or you can also purchase a physical copy online to be shipped to you.

FRIDAY, MAY 1 ~ *Read Psalm 31:15-16*

SATURDAY, MAY 2 ~ *Read John 14:1-7*

SUNDAY, MAY 3 ~ *Read John 14:8-14*

MONDAY, MAY 4 ~ *Read Acts 17:22-31*

TUESDAY, MAY 5 ~ *Read Psalm 66:8-17*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 ~ *Read Psalm 66:18-20*

THURSDAY, MAY 7 ~ *Read 1 Peter 3:13-17*

FRIDAY, MAY 8 ~ *Read 1 Peter 3:18-22*

SATURDAY, MAY 9 ~ *Read John 14:15-21*

SUNDAY, MAY 10 ~ *Read Acts 17:22-31*

MONDAY, MAY 11 ~ *Read Acts 1:6-14*

TUESDAY, MAY 12 ~ *Read Psalm 68:1-10*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 ~ *Read 1 Peter 4:12-14*

THURSDAY, MAY 14 ~ *Read Ephesians 1:15-23*

FRIDAY, MAY 15 ~ *Read 1 Peter 5:6-11*

SATURDAY, MAY 16 ~ *Read John 17:1-5*

SUNDAY, MAY 17 ~ *Read John 17:6-11*

MONDAY, MAY 18 ~ *Read Acts 2:1-12*

TUESDAY, MAY 19 ~ *Read Acts 2:13-21*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 ~ *Read Psalm 104:24-34*

THURSDAY, MAY 21 ~ *Read Psalm 104:35*

FRIDAY, MAY 22 ~ *Read 1 Corinthians 12:3-6*

SATURDAY, MAY 23 ~ *Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-13*

SUNDAY, MAY 24 ~ *Read John 7:37-39*

MONDAY, MAY 25 ~ *Read Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

TUESDAY, MAY 26 ~ *Read Genesis 1:31-2:4a*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 ~ *Read Psalm 8*

THURSDAY, MAY 28 ~ *Read Psalm 8:3-9*

FRIDAY, MAY 29 ~ *Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

SATURDAY, MAY 30 ~ *Read Matthew 28:16-17*

SUNDAY, MAY 31 ~ *Read Matthew 28:16-20*

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## **Sunday School & Service Time Change**

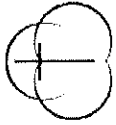
Beginning Sunday, May 24th, Sunday school will be held 9-10 AM and we will have just one service at 10:15 AM. This service will be our combined service format with hymns and our Praise Band. The church will be open by 8:50 AM in order for you to get in and ready for your Sunday school class. There will still be Jr. Church at this service. Children ages 2 through 5th grade will be welcome. The nursery is not staffed June-August to give our volunteers a small break. It will be open as a cry-room. (Church Council voted on and approved on 3/19/26) Once a new pastor is hired, service times will be updated. But until you hear otherwise, this will be the schedule going forward. Please contact the church office with any questions or for more information.

## **Summer Office Hours**

Beginning Monday, June 1st, office hours will be Mon-Thurs 8 AM– Noon and available by email until 3 PM.

# Church Office Hours:

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# May 2026

# Church Calendar

Mon-Thurs.  
8 AM-1 PM

Rev. Brian Sandell, Lead Pastor  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Please check with the church office for the most up to date availability for building use and rentals.</i>					1	2 Hall rented PM
3 Communion 8:15 traditional 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 contemporary 6 Youth	4 countners 6 Basketball	5 Office Closed 5:30 Ladies Bible Study 6 Trustees 7 Church Council 7 NA	6 4:30 ROCK	7 PM Praise Band	8	9 2 Muffins w/Mom.
10 Mother's Day 8:15 traditional 9:30 Sunday school 10:45 contemporary	11 9 countners 6 Basketball	12 5:30 Ladies Bible Study 7 Bible Study 7 NA	13 4:30 ROCK (final)	14 PM Praise Band	15	16 11:30 Lunch
17 Pastor Brian's last Sunday 10 AM combined w/lunch 6 Youth	18 9 countners 6 Basketball	19 5:30 Ladies Bible Study 7 Bible Study 7 NA	20	21 PM Praise Band	22	23
24 9-10 Sunday school 10:15 combined service 6 Youth	25 Memorial Day Office closed 6 Basketball	26 9 countners 5:30 Ladies Bible Study 7 Bible Study 7 NA	27	28 PM Praise Band	29 11 Food Pantry 5:30 PM Hall rented	30
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