

St. Andrews Herald

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Office Manager News

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Worship with us

Just a Few Stories...

*Looking into the treasure trove of
the Old Testament*

August 7th Communion

Mission Week begins

Judges 4:1-10, 11-23

(Judges 5:1-5)

Deborah *Are You Ready,*

Willing & Able?

August 21st Mission Week –

Hurdles for Housing BINGO

follow up

Judges 13:1-8

Judges 14:1-14a

Samson *Strength and Weakness*

August 14th

Judges 6:11-24

Judges 6:28-40

Gideon *O Lord, Are You Sure?*

August 28th

1 Samuel 1:1- 18

1 Samuel 1:19-28

Hannah *Faith and Heartfelt
Prayers*



Wednesday Outdoor Worship will continue
weekly through August 31, 7PM

Bring a lawn chair and a friend!

Gathering For Those Interested In Being Members of St. Andrews

**What: Enjoy a light lunch and
meet with Pastor Robin**

**Where: In the chapel near the up-
stairs kitchen**

**When: August 14th, directly follow-
ing worship**

**If you'd like to come with your
questions and thoughts, please
RSVP to the church office.**



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A Note from Pastor Robin

About a month ago, I had this dream of how our move would go. The movers would show up, we would be ready and waiting with neatly packed boxes all clearly marked. The truck would be loaded in a few hours and by lunch time we would be placing furniture and unpacking. The reality is that the movers showed up, we were as ready as we could be (thanks to the help of many extra hands!) and they started to pack. But the truck was too small (or we had too much stuff). And so they took the first load, then a second load, and finally at 8:30 that night the third load arrived. We were in our dream house, but miles away from being settled. Alas, I discovered that in reality, dreams come true, they just don't always come together as smoothly as one might dream.

Here at St. Andrews, we are in a season of dreaming. We started the summer with a Vision Summit and we are still dreaming. I am finding myself dreaming of how we might be moved by these powerful words: *Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.* What does it look like for us to focus on our relationship with God and each other, and to spend less time on 'running' the church? What does it look like for us to be a space for the community around us, to know each other, and for us to know them as well? What does it mean for them to explore a relationship with God? What does that mean for us?

This past week, I was sitting in Spark Park, on the wet ground, with Reilly in my lap. Rebecca had all the children (and some of us drafted parents) in a circle with big blue buckets and drumsticks. And there as we drummed away, Rebecca found ways to gently drum into our heads that here, we were to remember, always remember that we are loved by God. Children we live with, children we see all the time, children we have only seen a few times, and some we may only see that one time heard, really heard that they are loved, deeply loved by God. This is a part of the dream that is already starting to happen as we invite our neighbors into this park space.

Here at St. Andrews, in the background pieces are being formed, things are starting to shift as we work on moving with the Spirit. The Transformation Team is gathering information, checking things off the timeline created during the March Listening Visit, and working on clearly forming goals from the Vision Summit. Pieces are moving and pieces are being prepared for moving. Things are happening, things will be happening, and you are invited, you all are invited to be a part of it!

This month, we are invited to move and go into the community for Mission Week! There is a full list of activities that give us opportunities; to

serve, to build, to go and visit ministries, to clean up our city, and to feed people in body and soul. All of this sends us out into the world, in the name of Jesus. And none of us need to go alone – we go together! The best thing we can do, individually and together, is to start living into our refreshed mission statement and the values that are there to shape and re-shape our life together.

*Together we put **Christ First**, we **Invite** as Christ invited, we **Joyfully** sing and serve and have fun, all while being **Open-minded**, remembering that God's ways are not our ways – and God may just teach us through another. We can practice this with one another, and as we go out into Mission Week.*

Enjoy this summer!

Enjoy and be attentive to the movement of the Spirit!

God is good! All the Time!

May God bless you and lead you in this day and every day.

In the Joy of Christ,

Office Manager News!

People of St. Andrews, we have some stellar news to share!

As difficult as it is to face the reality that Cliffy is ending her time as our Office Manager, the Administration and Personnel committee has some good news! Session has approved hiring a candidate who will make the transition a smooth and joyful one!

Mary Lynne Mulligan will be coming on staff as our new Office Manager! She has the experience, the skills, and the personality to fit right into the job. Mary Lynne will start in September.

Welcome Mary Lynne!

Thanks be to God for His gracious provision!

Mission Week Note: please sign up for any opportunities offered during "Mission Week" either through **Sign-Up Genius** or on the **Sign-up sheets in the Gathering Area/Narthex**. (Sunday 8/7 activities excluded)

You'll find the Sign-Up Genius link on the website or in the weekly email.



"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, "I used everything you gave me." (Erma Bombeck)

Saturday, August 6

- YMCA Camp Rocky Creek, Cleaning of cabins, bath houses, and Dining Hall, 8:30AM—?

Sunday, August 7

Following the morning worship service:

- Tying fleece blankets for UNTO
- Writing cards to Home Based Members
- Cleanup outside church on bank along parking lot
- Sorting and organizing books for Little Free Library
- Cookie Baking for Rescue Mission
- Pick Up your Homelessness- Awareness BINGO Card

Monday, August 8

- Jubilee Ministries Tour and Volunteer Time, 9 AM – 11AM
- Rails to Trails Clean Up, 6 PM – 8 PM

Tuesday, August 9

- City Parks Beautification, 9AM – 12 PM

Wednesday, August 10

- Habitat For Humanity – Lebanon Build, 8AM -12 PM
- Jubilee Ministries Tour and Volunteer Time, 1 PM – 3 PM
- Cleanup outside church on bank along parking lot, 6-7 PM

Thursday, August 11

- Habitat For Humanity – Lebanon Build, 8 AM – 12 PM
- Prepare & Pack Meals@ Ronald McDonald House 3-5:30 PM
- BINGO for DDS clients – SAPC Snyder Hall, 5:30PM – 8PM
- Rails to Trails Clean Up, 6 PM – 8 PM

Friday, August 12

- Habitat For Humanity – Lebanon Build, 8 AM – 12 PM
- Family Movie Night at the church, evening

Saturday, August 13

- Free Noon Meal – Prepared /served at church, 10 AM – 1:30PM
- Habitat For Humanity – Lebanon Build, 8 AM – 12 PM

Tuesday, August 16

Mission Central, Mechanicsburg, leave church @11 AM, return 4PM

Sunday, August 21

Discussion Group on Homelessness-Awareness BINGO experience, 11 AM



AUGUST IN YOUTH NEWS



A Quick Word from Rob

Wow, I know I am writing this in June... But the thought of being in the midst of August feels like it is approaching way too fast! I hope that as the newness of the school year is right around the corner it brings excitement and hope. Looking towards this year of youth, I am excited for the plans that are beginning to form for the year. As well as the new journey that this year will bring with the students!

In Christ's Hope,

Rob

August Events

- EPYC Book Club 1pm Wednesday's @Sydney Roasting. ends August 24
 - Kids Club Sunday's for half hour after church, ends August 28
 - Spark Park Days ends August 23/25
 - Pool Day at Lowrie's 1pm August 28
- See Craig/Kayla/Rob for more details

Spark Park

- Every Tuesday 10am. Ends August 23
- Every Thursday 6pm. Ends August 25
- Crafts, Snacks, Games, Activities and More!!

In Youth Group

"Keep Moving Forward" -Walt Disney. I love this quote because it is the best summary of life and ministry. So going into the fall with youth group we are going to keep moving forward to best minister and reach out to the community of youth in this time!

For More Information

Contact Rob

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or

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**STARTING
JUNE 21, 2022**



**St. Andrews
600 S. 12th St.
Lebanon, PA**

SPARK PARK DAYS

Crafts, Snacks, Games, Activities and More!!

**Tuesdays @ 10am and Thursdays @ 6pm
All Summer Long
Children 0-12**

Children 10 and under need an adult - All Welcome!



MISSION SPOTLIGHT

For august
Condensed Cream Soups and
Canned Pineapple

Summer snapshots

Wednesday
Outdoor
Worship



Summer
Potluck



Kids'
Fun



SESSION NOTES

The Session met on July 5, 2022. The Transformation Team provided updates regarding the strategic planning process, which included reviews of volunteer and staff job descriptions. Goal development from the Visioning Summit continues.

In addition, the follow items were discussed and approved:
Approval of a \$500 donation to YMCA for Shelter Expenses.
Mission Week is scheduled for the week of August 7. Everyone is encouraged to participate in events.

Deacon Doings

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.”
Mark 14:22-24 NKJV

March of 2020. That is when we last served home communion. Since the onset of COVID-19, the church has been working on trying to meet the needs of its members while continuing to keep everyone’s safety in consideration. The Pastor, Deacons, and the Worship Committee are planning on restarting home communion once again. This was the plan earlier in 2021, but an increase in COVID cases put that on hold. Now, we are prayerful that we can begin planning for this once again. We know that there will be some obstacles. Some personal care homes are still limiting who can enter, and some people may still be concerned about safety. We are in the early planning stages of this with the hope of starting once again in the fall. If you would be interested in being placed on the list for those who receive home communion, or if you would be willing to serve home communion, please contact the church office or me. Stay tuned for further details. In the meantime, please pray that we will be able to restart this ministry that helps us stay connected to our home-based members.

In Christ’s service,
Ken Gries, Moderator



August Birthdays

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Shirley Etter | 11 Mary Lynne Mulligan |
| 2 Karen Shalters | 13 Tom Shott |
| 3 Jeff Burgis | 14 Shawn Burgis |
| 5 Michael Yordyr | Judy Kurtz |
| 6 Rebecca Lister | John P. Goetze (son) |
| 7 Helen Leaman | Teagan Lowrie |
| Brynna Lister | 15 Ford Rau |
| Lisa Meyer | 17 Johnathan Shuey |
| 9 Kathy Lebo | 18 Cliffy Shiner |
| John Hakkinen | 22 Dennis Shalters |
| Adelyn Cochran | 27 Maureen Goetze |
| 10 Roz Presby | Linda Rau |

WEBS Group (Wednesday Evening Bible Study)

We will be beginning our study season on Wednesday September 7th at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. We will be studying the book "Quit Church – Because Your Life would be Better if You Did" by Chris Sonksen. Don't Panic. We are **NOT** suggesting that we stop coming to church. What we will be suggesting is that we quit doing church the way that we **HAVE BEEN** doing it. This study will show us the differences in what we believe that membership in church means, and what God calls us as members of a church may be entirely different. Have I piqued your curiosity? Good. The beginning of the study year is a good time to join us to see what we are all about. There is a book available for this study. The cost is \$2.00. (Clearance sales are good!) If you would like a book, please sign up in the Gathering Area or contact me. If you have any questions on this study, or on WEBS group in general, please contact Ken Gries knagries@aol.com or 717.679.0677 (call or text).

When you have suffered the loss of a loved one, you experience a deep sense of emptiness and grief. Your journey through grief cannot be compared to another person's journey. We each grieve in our own way and our own time. Grief does not have a set time limit. The only certainty is that it will take longer than you want it to.

"It's a process that cannot be rushed," says Dr. Robert Jeffress. "Going through grief is like going through a tunnel. The bad news is the tunnel is dark. The good news is that once you enter into that tunnel, you are already on your way out."

Your journey is your own, but you are not alone. Do not be afraid to cry out to God, "How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? (Psalm 13:2) And don't be afraid to talk with others about what you are feeling.

Being able to share your feelings, your fears, your concerns, is one of the helpful and wonderful facets of our Grief Support Group. We welcome anyone to come and meet with us to share experiences or simply to listen to what others have to say.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, regardless of how recent or how long ago the grieving process began. If you or someone you know might benefit from meeting with us, even if they are not members of Saint Andrews, please encourage them to come talk with us. We will welcome them warmly.

Our meetings are usually held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Chapel. However **the Grief Group will NOT be meeting this month** because our leader, Diane Pomeroy, will be in New Hampshire visiting with family. **Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 8, at 2:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions, please contact our Advisor, Diane Pomeroy, at 717-454-8330, or you may call the church office at 717-272-9933.

Lord Jesus, sometimes I feel like my grief will never end. Show me patches of sunlight in my life today that will spur me on with a healing hope. Amen.

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