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St. Andrews Vision summit



Tuesday, May 31, 2022

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Worship with us

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2:2,4

June 5 Pentecost
Psalm 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8:14-17
Acts 2:1-21
Spirit of God

June 12
Romans 5:1-5
Acts 2:22-42
The First Believers

June 19
Galatians 3:23-29
Acts 2:43-47
Living Together in Faith

June 26
Romans 10:13-21
Acts 3:1-10
What Happened at the Beautiful Gate

July 3
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Acts 3:11-26
No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

July 10
Galatians 6:1-10
Acts 4:1-22
Wrestling With Change

July 17
Colossians 1:1-14
Acts 4:23-31
Praying For Boldness

July 24
Luke 10:25-37
Acts 4:32-37
God's Economy

July 31 – Rev. Allison Smith
Preaching

Summer Potluck!



Fun Foods, Fun Folks,
Fun Way to Start
the Summer!

Time: Right After Church
Date: Sunday, July 10th
Place: Outside or
in Snyder Hall

(weather will determine location)

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

Last Tuesday night was the night of the Vision Summit, and I was stuck at home in a very unexpected Covid quarantine. I had spent all day in this pull between Mary and Martha, to deal with my anxious energy. I did load after load of laundry, ordered groceries and took care of Reilly, trying to get him to drink more juice. And as evening came and the summit started, I went into a room, closed the door and prayed. Then, I thought of one more thing I could do, so I sent a text asking for a picture to be taken for the newsletter. A text came back, with a picture of the whole room. And I could see, so many of you, gathered! Gathered together to lift up thoughts and ideas and to seek God's vision for us. I still hated not being there, but I was comforted and encouraged, by each one who there in Snyder hall, and I sat there praying for each one of you, that I could see from afar.

I know I am not the only one who missed the Vision Summit, some of you were at graduations, or also not feeling well, or out of town, and so now we all get to hear these beautiful words that came out of the gathering of God's people. Words like: Inspire, Love, Neighbors and Joyful. Phrases like: Christ's Welcome, Relationship with God and each other, Open-Minded, and Christ First. These words and phrases are for us, to guide us in building and shaping our life of faith as we move forward together.

Moving. Moving is also a big topic for me this summer. Troy and I are set to close on a new home, in South Annville, at the end of June. We have loved being in Gretna. It was the perfect place for me when I moved here. But, with the addition of Troy, and Reilly and Dashiell, we need more space (and a yard the boys could play in). We are so looking forward to being in this lovely home, but we know it will take a lot of work to get from here to there. But, it will happen and we can do it (with help).

The same is true for us as a congregation. We hear these beautiful inspiring words and there are moments, I can almost see what it will be like, but we have to move to get there. We have to look back and remember that the congregation has done this before. Literally as we moved from 4th street to 12th street. Now, we have to move again, move to a place where we are gathered back together, building relationships with God and with one another, and inviting people to join us as we seek God, find God and follow God. It will take work, it will shift things, but we can do this, and it is already good.

In this summer season, let us move toward God.
Let us move together trusting, believing, knowing that God is with us.
There is so much to enjoy together.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Robin

St. Andrews Vision Summit Report

Our Vision Summit brought us to the Mission Statement and Values below.

Session has approved and they are here for us to live into! Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of living into these guiding words and building up our community.

Mission Statement

Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.

Values

Christ First

We will do all things as a reflection of Christ.

Inviting

We will extend Christ's welcome to all.

Joyful

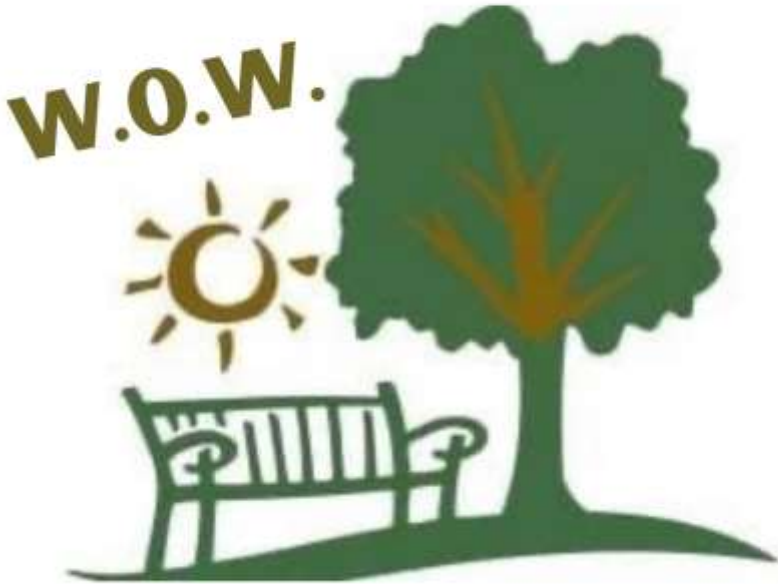
We will vibrantly serve Christ with courage, enthusiasm, and a fun-loving attitude.

Open-Minded

We will embrace people and consider ideas with empathy and without judgment.



WEDNESDAY OUTDOOR WORSHIP
JUNE - JULY - AUGUST



ST ANDREWS - LEBANON, PA

Beginning June 15, 7PM!

Musicians Invited
to help lead music.

Bring a lawn chair and a friend!



JUNE IN YOUTH NEWS



A Quick Word from Rob

Summer has arrived! And there is a lot going on this summer! I have Highlighted the SPark Park a couple of time and would like to encourage everyone to partner with me for a day of fun in Spark Park! Sign Up is in the gathering are. Reading is a great adventure. This summer the teens and I will explore some favorite books and enjoy time at Sydney Roasting. I am looking forward to this as we will discuss story, culture, and how we can engage with them in our faith.

In Christ's Hope,

Rob

June Events

- Free Noon Meal June 11, 10:30am
@ St. Andrews
- EPYC Book Club Starting June 22
1pm Wednesday @Sydney Roasting
- Kids Club starting Sunday June 26
for half hour after church
- TrailBlazers+ campout June 24-25
8pm-8am @ Craig & Kayla Lowrie
- Pool Day at Lowrie's 1pm June 26 See
Craig/Kayla/Rob for more details

Spark Park

- Starting June 21st then every
Tuesday 10am
- Starting June 23rd then every
Thursday 6pm
- Crafts, Snacks, Games, Activities
and More!!

In Youth Group

Youth Sunday was incredible! I am amazed and thankful for the kids every year and the work that they put into service. Thank you for the support and love shown to the students!

For More Information

Contact Rob
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or

youth@standrewslebanon.org



JULY IN YOUTH NEWS



A Quick Word from Rob

July is such an odd month in the summer. So many plans and hopes for the month, but also the first look at the end of summer as fall plans begin to form! Of course fall plans bring in their own level of excitement as we look towards the newness of the school year, a cooler season, and of course the hint of sleigh bells!

While it is great to look ahead, I hope and pray that the moment of the summer has not passed you by! Enjoy this season of sun and fun.

In Christ's Hope,

Rob

July Events

- Book Club every Wednesday 1pm @ Sydney Roasting
- Kids Club Every Sunday after church
- EPYC Campout July 8-9, 8pm-8am @ Craig & Kayla Lowrie
- Trailblazer Minigolf July 16, 1pm @ Yogey's
- Pool Day July 30, 1pm see Craig/Kayla/Rob for more details

Spark Park

- Every Tuesday 10am
- Every Thursday 6pm
- Crafts, Snacks, Games, Activities and More!!

In Youth Group

Book Club! Do you love a good book? A good cup of coffee or coffee like beverage? Well we are having fun with this and discussions on our summer reading on Wednesday's at Sydney roasting with the teens! A good book really is a great summer project to discuss!

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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!

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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!

Thank you, Lunch Ladies!!

Another school year has ended, and a giant "Thank You!" is in order to the Lunch Ladies of St. Andrews. On the first Thursday of each month during the school year, a small cadre of women have been providing lunch to the pre-school sponsored by True Life Youth Ministries, and delivering it to their school at 10th and Lehman Streets in Lebanon. Here's a shout-out to Maggie Beatty, Beckie Dreibelbis, Nadine Jones, Sue Mechura, Ann Ormond and Karen Regester, for cheerfully being our Lunch Ladies. We will resume this Community Outreach Mission in September, and if you are interested in serving please contact Sue Mechura at smechura@hotmail.com.



"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)

Coming your way...MISSION WEEK 2022!

SAVE THE DATES! August 7 – August 13

Mission Week begins immediately following worship on Sunday August 7. As in the past there will be hands on projects available for you to participate in for about an hour. For example: cookie baking for Lebanon Rescue Mission, card writing to our home-based members, fleece blanket knot tying for UNTO Ministries, and others.

There will also be projects throughout the week, both during the day and in the evening. For example: making a meal at Ronald McDonald House, Rails to Trails cleanup, Free Noon Meal, construction with Habitat for Humanity, and many others. If you have a favorite mission project you would like to see us tackle, contact Robin Gries at rlgries02@gmail.com.

Keep an eye out for the MISSION WEEK SIGNUPS! There will be sign-ups in the Gathering Area and on Sign-up Genius. You can also contact the church office at 717-272-9933 to get put on a project list. Sign-up lists will be available by late June/early July when plans are more firmly in place.

Looking Forward to a GREAT Mission Week with all of St. Andrews!

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi



MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR JUNE

Laundry Detergent

For July

Tissues and Paper Towels

SESSION NOTES

The Session met on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, in Cassel Chapel at 7 pm. Rev. Robin Morgan served as Moderator. The Session received reports and discussed various items related to the mission and operations of the church.

The church continues to work with Ministry Architects on strategic planning development. The congregation will be invited to participate at a dinner and meeting on May 31.

The Session passed the following motions:

Approval a \$500 donation to Lebanon Rescue Mission for the local mission emphasis in May.

Approval for Rev. Allison Smith to baptize Dashiell James Morgan on May 8, 2022.

Approval to have the Mission Committee create a St. Andrews Relay for Life team for the American Cancer Society.

Approval of the updated job description for the Office Manager.

Approval to restart serving the Free Noon Meal at the church on the second Saturday of the month.

The Session will meet again on June 7, 2022, at 7:00 pm.



SESSION NOTES

The session met on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Pastor Robin opened with a reading of Acts 2:36 followed by a discussion. We noted special lines in this reading and why they stood out to us individually.

The Transformation Team was in attendance and reported on the summit meeting with the ministry architects. St. Andrew's mission statement and listed values were discussed at length and revised. The session unanimously voted to receive these updated mission and value statements.

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Open-Minded- We will embrace people and consider ideas with empathy and without judgement.

Committee notes:

+ Worship Committee: Wednesday WOW services will begin on June 15th at 7PM. There are still some spots open to share your faith journey at that service.

+ Deacons: Among their notes, it was reported that they've increased efforts to reach "lost sheep" from our congregation.

+ Trustees: There currently is no hot water in the building. This problem should be resolved within the next few weeks. The masonry outside of the building is being considered for repair. The radiant heat in classroom 8 is also slated for repair.

+ Mission Committee: Free Noon Meal will now be served inside the building as directed by LCCM.

+ Congregational Life: July 10th is a potluck luncheon and September 11th will be "Kick Off Sunday" with more details to come.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carla Dowd

Deacon Doings

“What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?”

Matthew 18:12 NKJV

In the above verse, the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine in safety and goes and seeks out the one that is lost. The Deacons are beginning to ask a couple of questions about our “lost sheep” at St. Andrews

- 1) *Who are they?*
- 2) *Do THEY know WE think they are lost?*
- 4) *Are they truly lost?*
- 3) *How do we begin to look for our stray sheep?*
- 4) *How do we get them back to our flock?*

Members and friends of St Andrews. You can assist the Deacons in this matter. If you can think of someone that we haven't seen in a while, or someone with whom we may have lost contact. Please let the Pastor or myself know. Once we have identified those that we think are lost sheep of St. Andrews, we will be beginning to try to intentionally reach out to them. We know that some things have been a victim of COVID and the aftermath of that followed. We cannot let what may be perceived as failings, keep us from acting now.

*In Christ's service,
Ken Gries, Moderator*





June-July Birthdays

June Birthdays

- 1 Bob Latshaw
- 5 Craig Samuelson
- 10 Karen Dielmann
Ian Tshudy
- 13 Megan Fedder
- 14 Luke Tshudy
David Sensenig
- 18 Bob Dowd, Jr.
Betsy Sensenig
- 21 Margaret Kilgore
- 22 Adam Burgis
Robert Register
- 23 William Gelgot
Ralph Heister
Robin Morgan
- 26 Pauline Charles

July Birthdays

- 2 Janis Herschkowitz
Barbara Kalbaugh
Amber Buckingham
Ann Widger
- 3 Joan Umbenhauer
- 5 Dick Cassel
- 6 Don Dreibelbis
- 7 Carla Dowd
- 9 Darrylle Buckingham
- 11 Vasantha Ross
- 12 Betty Ann Seiser
- 16 Bob Ogurcak
- 18 Wallace Vitez
- 19 Nicki Overholt
Kathy Crager
- 20 Evalyn Lansberry
- 25 Robert Kopp
Kathy Hetrick
- 26 Pat Herschkowitz
Mardi Messer
- 29 Stuart Juppenlatz
Craig Lowrie



**A Grief Support Group
of
St. Andrews Church**

Never forget that you are not alone. The Divine is with you, helping and guiding. He is the companion who never fails, the friend whose love comforts and strengthens. Have faith and He will do everything for you.
Aurobindo (Hindu)

Loneliness is one of the afflictions of grief. We miss the one who has died, but that's not all. We miss the world the way it used to be, without this loss that shadows our every step. We miss the image of the future with this loved one in it.

We feel alone because so much of our life right now is internal – the agonizing questions, the turmoil. Who can share that with us? We feel separated from the rest of the world. We walk along the street and the people we pass seem carefree and unburdened. Of course our families and friends are close, but even they cannot know the depths of our grief.

To whom do we turn? The St. Andrews Grief Support Group is one place someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one can turn for help. The members of the group have all been in that same place of confusion and turmoil during the course of our grieving and have found the way to overcome those feelings of alone-ness and separation. Because we have had similar experiences, we can try to be of help to those who are newly grieving and feeling so alone. We share ways in which we were able to get past certain milestones, and ways to cope with feelings and emotions that seem to come from “out of the blue”. We even continue to help those of the group for whom the death of the loved one was years ago, but still have moments of great sadness. Talking and sharing stories and situations seems to be wonderful “medicine” in these instances.

Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings, no matter what your situation – we are here to help. We would be glad to see you and help you through this period of sadness and loneliness.

Our regular meeting time is the 2nd Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel.

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

To whom to turn? It will help immeasurably if we can think of the Divine Presence, alive in us and in all of creation. A presence that stabilizes us, compassionately holds us, rides on our breath, brings us peace.

There is within me a Holy Presence – trustworthy, kind, strong.



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