

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

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Join us after worship, December. 3,
for Hanging of the Greens

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday schedule

8:45 AM Praise Service

10:AM Sunday school for all

11 AM Traditional worship

Schedule Changes:

Christmas Eve: services at 5PM
and 7:30 PM

December 31 and January 28
One service at 10AM

December 3 Advent 2

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 1:18-25

Shaping Paths of Peace

December 10 Advent 3

Psalm 126; Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:39-56

Taking the Spirit of Joy

December 17 Advent 4

John 3:5-8, 16-17; John 21:15-19
Luke 2:8-20

Learning to Love

Christmas Eve

Services 5PM and 7:30 PM

Isaiah 9:2-7
John 1:1-14

Light for the World

December 31st One Service at 10AM

Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Dr. Buz Myers,
New Testament Professor at
Gettysburg College

January 7th Worship and Communion

Guest Preacher:

The Rev. Derek Wadlington,
Chaplain at Wilson College,
Chambersburg

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Eureka!

January 14th

Guest Preacher: Ms. Roz Presby
Commissioned Ruling Elder at Faith
Immanuel Presbyterian Church,

Harrisburg, PA

Genesis 1: 1-5; Psalm 29

Acts 19: 1-7; Mark 1: 4-11

In the Beginning...

January 21st

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12
Luke 14:25-33

Wanting What God Wants

January 28th One Service and Annual Meeting at 10AM

Ordination and Installation of
New Officers

1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 111

Luke 11:5-13

Remembering to Ask

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the season of Advent, and look towards Christmas, I am aware of the range of life experiences among us, as God's people gathered at St. Andrews. For some of you, this is a delightful and joyful season, as you celebrate life and look for more of God's great gifts. For others, this is a poignant time, as new limits are faced, and holidays involve less travel, less extravagance. For others, this is a season that is full of waves of grief, as you face Christmas gatherings without a loved one. While for some, this is a season of great change as a new year brings new challenges, and a new job, or even a new marriage. The last one certainly applies to me, as Troy and I will be married on New Year's Day, but so do some of the others.

This is why I so appreciate this season, when we (and the world) may more easily turn to God's story. For the scriptures, the stories of Advent and Christmas are rich, deep, and wise. They offer good news, with tidings of great joy! Yet, they also deal with a whole range of people, in a huge variety of experiences and circumstances. We find Zechariah, who knows disappointment, and who lives trying to make the best of things and not hope for too much. We are introduced to Mary, who is asked to do something great and courageous and loving, yet that others might see as shameful. We meet Joseph, who certainly was frustrated and confused, yet trusted God's messenger and stayed, in the midst of a difficult situation, offering as much support as he could. We find the shepherds, who may have felt they were stuck in a dead-end job, and then Angels filled the sky! We find Herod, who was afraid of losing his position, his power and lived into that fear, imposing it on too many innocent children. We find wise ones from the East, scholars, who usually spent their time surrounded by books, but they dared to go, and to see where the divine sign would lead.

Wherever we are in life, Advent, Christmas, and the scriptures they give offer, invite us to claim, to re-claim God's hope, peace, joy and love. As we gather together, may each of us find God and take God into this world, and into the new year.

I will be away from Christmas Day until January 17th. There are several pastors on call while I am away; please call the church office if you have a need. When I return, much will have changed in my life, including my name (Rev. Robin Morgan). A great deal may be

changing for you as well. But, no matter what, through Christ, we are in this life of faith together. Seeking more of God in our lives, and seeking to give more of Christ in this world.

O Come, O Come, God be with us. Lead us, O Lord, lead each one from just where we are toward your hope, your peace, your joy and your love. Amen.

In the hope and peace of Christ,
Pastor Robin



Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon

The Congregational Life Committee would like to invite the congregation to the annual Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 17, 2017 immediately after the 11:00AM service. It will be potluck so please plan to bring a dish to share. The sign-up sheets for the luncheon will be in the Gathering Area beginning on Sunday, November 26. Please sign up to bring a salad, a main dish, a side dish or a dessert. Also, please indicate the number of family members that will be attending. All are welcome to come and share a meal and fellowship with the St. Andrews family during this very special time of the year. After the meal we will be learning about the history and singing some of the season's favorite carols. We hope all can attend!.



**St Andrews Presbyterian Church
Pre-Wedding Reception**

Honoring
**Pastor Robin Reilly
&
Pastor Troy Morgan**

On their upcoming wedding on 01/01/2018
in California.

**Sunday, December 10
12:15PM in Snyder Hall**

Everyone is welcomed and heavy
hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The greatest gift you can give them is your
presence at this festive occasion. They also
have a registry listed on

www.theknot.com/us/troy-and-robin

Weather, Winter and Sunday Worship @ St. Andrews

Winter is upon us again and while we hope all worship services will move forward as scheduled, it seems wise to have a plan for adjusting, if the weather requires. (And if we have a plan, we won't need it. Right?)

If a delay or cancelation of worship is necessary, it will be on the website, on the church phone message, and on Facebook. WGAL channel 8, has told us they will no longer be putting church closings on their TV banner, but online only. As the website will very soon, allow editing from any computer, the notice will be on the home page of our website, under the worship schedule (in the blue box).

Thus, if you are wondering if there is a change or cancellation due to weather, you can:

- 1- Call the church office: 717-272-9933 and listen to the message.
- 2- Go to the church website: standrewslebanon.org and scroll down to the blue box that says: *Sunday Morning Schedule*.
- 3 -Go to the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church – Facebook group (this will also be linked to the church website, at the bottom of the home page, very soon).

Above all, take care and be safe, in all weather and in each day.

In any emergency, you can call Pastor Robin on her cell phone 717-525-1736. She will be in town from now through Christmas Day, and then back in town as of January 17th.

Annual Meeting in Worship

January 28th is our Annual Meeting. This year we will incorporate the meeting and reports into our single worship service at 10AM. All are welcome, (not just members), to join us as we reflect on 2017, lifting up all we have done to God, even as we look at the year ahead and share dreams, plans and ideas, bringing them in our worship and always lifting them up in prayer, so that we may be those who do God's will, and live into God's dreams. During this service of worship, and annual meeting, we will also ordain and install our new and returning officers. May God gather us all together, and may the Spirit lead us, as we seek to follow Christ, always.

EPYC Expectations

Every November my house is filled with the word humbug. The kids get a kick out of playing Christmas music and getting that humbug! But, now that the turkey has been eaten and all of the fixings devoured, let me happily say Merry Christmas! I love Christmas, this is an amazing season of reflection and joy. One of the reflections that I often come back to is Emanuel, God with us. It is a humbling that God would walk amongst us as our savior. What a miracle we can celebrate that to us Christ was born so that we may know God and worship Him in fullness of salvation.



There are several things coming up on the calendar for the next couple of months that are exciting! First when the website does launch please look for the Epyc page. On the Epyc page you will find information about Epyc, but also a Google calendar. Please take a moment and subscribe to the calendar as I will be updating the sched-

ules and events through the calendar.

Coming up in December will be a trip to Koziar's Christmas Village in Bernville. Koziar's is located on 782 Christmas Village Rd. Bernville, PA 19506. Cost 3 & under free, 4-10 \$8, 11-64 \$10, and seniors \$9.. We will meet out at Koziar's at 5pm. If you would like to eat at Koziar's there are several spots to get a quick bite at the Christmas Village. If you have any questions please feel free to ask!

December Schedule:

- Dec 3 Epyc
- Dec 9 Koziar's Christmas Village 5pm
- Dec 10 Epyc
- Dec 17 Epyc

January Schedule

- Jan 7 Epyc
- Jan 14 Epyc
- Jan 19 Cars 3 Movie night 6pm
- Jan 21 Epyc
- Jan 28 Epyc

February Upcoming
Epyc Lock-in TBA

Weather Policy

If inclement weather cancels church on a Sunday, all Epyc Sunday activities are cancelled as well. In case of a weather event that is projected to hit before or during an Epyc event the youth director will consult with the Christian Education director and the Pastor to determine the safest course of action. If it is determined that Epyc should be cancelled notification will be sent out through social media, email, text messages, and phone calls. Every attempt will be made to provide a safe and accurate decision for the safety of everyone. If you have any questions please call or ask Rob.

From the Church Treasurer...

Suggested Per Capita for 2018: \$26.00

Year-end Cutoff

To be credited to 2017 and included on year-end contribution statements, donations must be in the offering on December 31st or postmarked December 30, 2017 or earlier.



SESSION NOTES

The annual joint meeting of Session and Trustees opened with a prayer and devotions by Rev. Reilly.

Rob Lowrie, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, presented the 2018 budget. Following a time of questions and discussion, the Session voted to adopt the 2018 budget for St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

The Session approved a list of members of the church active roll to be moved to the inactive roll. Those members have been contacted and asked for input regarding their interest in remaining on the active member roll.

The Session approved the hiring of Colleen Tuisl, Church Nursery Attendant, to begin November 5, 2017. Colleen will serve as the second church employee for the church nursery, in compliance with the church Safe Sanctuary Policy.

Perry Latshaw, Christian Education, reported on the Family Advent Night, Monday November 27th 5-7 PM, which is a child-focused evening of a meal, prayer, worship, and creation of individual family advent wreaths. There will also be an ornament-making event for children on December 3rd during the Hanging of the Greens, which follows the 11:00 worship service.

Rick Borger reported on the progress of the Advent Devotional. Members of the congregation have submitted individual pages of meditation based on the lectionary during Advent. The devotional will be published and made available for distribution on November 26, 2017.

Robin Gries and Betsy Sensenig reported for the Mission Committee about the plans for an international mission trip to Honduras with the Carlisle Presbytery in April of 2018. Information about the trip is visible on the Mission Committee bulletin board. The committee also reported on the positive activity regarding the Shoebox Ministry. The shoeboxes, and a \$9 shipping donation, are due back to the church by November 12th.

Beckie Dreibelbis made the motion to approve the proposed HOPES Shelter dates for 2018 of April 23-May 7, 2018 and October 22-November 5, 2018. This passed.

The Session also:

- * Approved the preaching of Rob Cochran on November 19, 2017
- * Approved \$3,700 from the Memorial Fund to purchase new choir gowns
- * Approved building usage of the following:
 - Newly-formed Daisy Girl Scout Troop, every other Tuesday evening, room #5
 - PW Presbytery Meeting, April 7, 2018, Snyder Hall
 - Lebanon Quilter's Guild, March 6 and May 8, 2018, Snyder Hall
- * Approved Thomas Shott as representative to Presbytery meeting December 12th

Submitted by Perry Latshaw

NEW Mission Co-Worker in Honduras

Rev. Dori Kay Hialmarson



On November 4, four of us from SAPC met Dori face to face in a local Presbytery gathering. Rick and Judy Borger, Betsy Sensenig and Robin Gries caught the excitement in Dori's voice

as we listened to her call from God for this mission.

Dori accepted this 4 year assignment which begins in Honduras in January 2018. Though fluent in Spanish, she has never been to Honduras. Her interest in becoming a Mission co-worker began when, at the age of 13, she and her family visited in El Salvador with her aunt who was serving as a Mission co-worker. Her education from there took her to journalism before attending seminary and becoming a Chaplain. Dori's acceptance of this role begins a 3rd generation of mission co-workers in her family.

The Mission Committee here at St. Andrews is seeking to grow our international connections in mission. With the personal interactions we had with Dori we feel this is a great way to make that connection.

Mission trip to Honduras

The Presbytery of Carlisle is organizing a trip to Honduras April 9 - 16, 2018. This trip is one for building homes and relationships. Saint Andrews Mission Committee is looking for mission minded people to join the Presbytery on this life enhancing trip.

See the Mission Bulletin Board across from the choir room for the flyer about the trip, Dori's prayer card and more information on Dori.

Contact Betsy Sensenig (betsy@sensenigfamily.com) or Robin Gries (robingries@aol.com) for details. There will be an informational meeting following each service on January 7 in the church library for any who are interested in this trip.

Visit Presbytery site for a video on the Presbytery Partnership:

http://carlislepby.org/Completed%20Pages/Mission_New.html

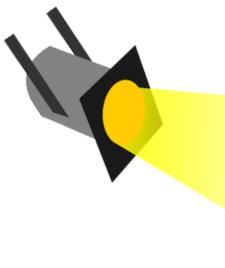
WEBS Group
(Wednesday Evening Bible Study)

Christian - a person who has received Christian baptism or is a believer in Jesus Christ and His teachings.

Atheist - a person who disbelieves or lacks belief in the existence of God or gods.

Based on the above definitions, what on earth could be a Christian Atheist? Is it possible to be both a Christian AND an Atheist simultaneously? The WEBS Group will be asking these questions and more in the first study of 2018. "The Christian Atheist" by Greg Groeschel. In this 6-week study we will look at how we can be a Christian Atheist by believing in God, but living as if we don't believe. This is a DVD study, so no book is needed. we will begin on Wednesday January 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the chapel. If you have been curious what WEBS is about, the beginning of the new year is a great way to come and find out more about us! If you have any questions on this study or WEBS, please contact Ken Gries: knagries@aol.com or phone 717-838-4936 (home) or 717-679-0677 (cell).

Happy New Year from WEBS!



DECEMBER'S
Mission Spotlight
Tissues and
Toilet Paper



Presbyterian Women

On October 30, as the result of our annual clothing drive, we packed 19 bags and 15 boxes of clothing. These were delivered to Agape, Jubilee Ministries, LCCM, the Lebanon Rescue Mission, the Salvation Army, and Good Will. Thank you for your generous sharing with those in need in our community.

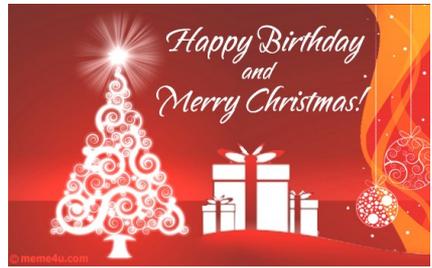
Last-minute monetary donations are still welcome for Sunset Gap children's Christmas gifts, and for the Christmas Stockings (\$8.00) that were recently filled with toiletries and delivered to Church Woman United, who will distribute them to women in nursing homes and mental health facilities.

The PW Coordinating Team met recently, and because of your most generous mission giving, we were able to give donations to these local charities: Habitat for Humanity, Lebanon County Christian Ministries, Domestic Violence Intervention, Lend-a-Hand, the Lebanon County Rescue Mission, and Ting Ministries. Charities and donation amounts are posted on the PW bulletin board.

A joyful and blessed Christmas and New Year to our St. Andrews family from Presbyterian Women!

IN MEMORY MARGARET THOMSON

Margaret died November 16, 2017, She joined St Andrews June 6, 2004 along with her daughter Catherine. She transferred from 1st Presbyterian Church of Arlington , New Jersey.



December Birthdays

1	Wilma Miller	15	John Wissinger
	Jeannie Tice	17	Marc Hamme
2	Shelby Lister	25	Frances Hamlen
6	Lisa Hamme	29	John Salahub
10	Merry Capobianco		Penny Samuelson
11	Liz Kalb	31	Barbara Herschkowitz
12	Ed Miller		Scott Stambaugh



January Birthdays

1	Sally Renda	25	Maggie Beatty
	Robert Lowrie		Sarah Flowers
3	Timothy Sensenig		Susan Strock
8	Clarence Umbenhauer	26	Ron Hetrick
14	Jacob Overholt		Jean Ditzler
	John Spicer IV		Gary Strock
18	Mary Reitz	27	Elaine M. Behney
21	Karen Fedder	28	Doug Lister
22	Rosanna Slayton		Karen Uhrich
		30	Kate Tshudy
		31	Marshall Beers
			Dolores Shott

Mourning



has Broken

A Grief Support Group of St. Andrews

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

REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND, JANE JUPPENLATZ

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:4-6

This Psalm from the Hebrew Scriptures has comforted men and women for centuries. We who have survived the death of loved ones and friends know that they do not walk through that valley alone. Often it is we who have walked with them – sat by their bedsides, held their hands, shared their sometimes spoken, sometimes unspoken, anxiety and fear. And then they are gone, and we are left. Now it is we who need comfort and reassurance.

While sorting through papers in my Grief Support Group folder, I came upon the letter I received from Rev. Steve Gribble, written in September 2005. The letter was inviting me to attend an organizational gathering to talk about the need and interest for a grief support group at St. Andrews. The meeting was to be held at the home of Jane Juppenlatz on October 20, 2005. The meeting was attended by myself and about eight others who were in the grieving process. Jane's husband Jack had died in June of that year. I found it interesting that the first meeting of this group was held at Jane's home just 17 years before her passing on September 21, 2017.

Jane remained a loyal and faithful member of the group for all these years. During this period of time, she also mourned the death of her son David, in 2007, and daughter Claire, in 2011. She was a true inspiration to all in the group who marveled at her unwavering spirit and sense of hope, even in her times of deep sorrow. Her love for life remained strong, along

with the faith that someday she would be reunited with her beloved Jack and David and Claire.

She wept with us when we wept, and also laughed with us when we laughed. (And yes, we do laugh a lot!) Through her experiences she was able to offer many positive ideas and suggestions for new people who came to the group feeling totally lost and not knowing how to cope. Just hearing Jane's "story" and how she dealt with situations was enough to encourage many folks that they, too, can go on, on their own, to make a new life.

As new people joined the group, many of them not members of St. Andrews, they were warmly accepted and comforted by Jane's kind words and positive thoughts. They learned that the grieving process is navigated so much more easily by talking to others who are in the same situation, and they find comfort from being able to share their stories and gain reassurance from those of us, like Jane, who had been making this journey for a period of time.

The members of the Mourning Has Broken Grief Support Group will dearly miss having Jane at our meetings and offering her kind words of assurance. We like to think that she is watching us just the same and encouraging us as we continue to help ourselves and each other through this grieving process.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 in Cassel Chapel. However, our December meeting will be our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 14, at 12:00 noon, at the Lebanon Country Club. January's meeting will be January 11, 2018

If you have questions, please contact our Advisor, Diane Pomeroy, at 717-454-0756; Pat Yates, at 717-273-9297; or call the church office, 717-272-9933.

Perhaps those verses from the Twenty-third Psalm can serve a similar function as we repeat them over and over, until the light begins to shine through and the heart is calmed.

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