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YOU ARE INVITED...



Does this Thanksgiving Day find you celebrating away from family? Why not join your St. Andrews family on Thanksgiving

Day for the traditional turkey with all the "fixings." We will meet at the church at 12:30 for appetizers and plan for dinner around 1:00. All you need to bring is a dish to share. Please RSVP to Don or Maggie Beatty at 304-2379, or at memab3@comcast.net. We'd love to have you come and share your Thanksgiving traditions and dishes. There's also plenty left to take home for the traditional leftovers too! We have a lot to be grateful for. Let's celebrate together

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday schedule

8:45 AM Praise Service

10:AM Sunday school for all

11 AM Traditional worship



November 5th

All Saint's Day

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Revelation 7:9-17

With All the Saints

November 12th

Thank Offering

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Luke 17:11-19

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Living in Gratitude

November 19th

Isaiah 64:1-9

2 Kings 18:41-46

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Prophetic Life

November 26th

Advent 1

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 13:11-14

Luke 1:57-82

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am struck at how the month of November is inviting us to *gather in*.

We begin the month with *All Saint's Day*, and we gather around Christ's table, remembering and also gathering with those we have loved and lost. It is always a sacred moment to light candles, placing them around the communion table, not only saying, but claiming that we gather around Christ's table with *all who believe* in this life - and in the next. In lighting these candles we *gather in*, we pull in, those who mean so much to us, and together the visible and the invisible feast at the Lord's table. As the light shines, it is a beautiful symbol of how lives shine, even after they are gone from this world. It is good to gather together, receiving comfort and living into the hope of Christ who rescues all from death.

The month moves quickly into a couple of weeks when we *gather in* and open our doors, inviting those who need a warm, safe place to be, to gather in and rest, as we host the HOPES Shelter. Then, oh so quickly the temperatures may drop, and we may long to gather in, around fireplaces, around tables to receive the warmth of light and love. Of course, we cannot forget Thanksgiving, this wonderful holiday where we *gather in*, with family, with friends - with oh so much food -- and gather our gratitude, around bountiful tables, sharing our gratitude of all the good that has been and all the good we see, that may be. I love the tradition that one family has started here at St. Andrews, where on Thanksgiving Day, there is a family meal for any who would like to *gather in* and have a seat at the table.

As we end the month we gather in, to watch and wait as we enter the season of Advent. Here, as the rush of holiday shopping is countered with candles, with reflection, with scriptures that give us the courage to hope, the perseverance to work for

peace, the encouragement to embrace the Joy of the Lord and to share in God's love and Christ's mission of love to the world. This year we are *gathering in*, Advent devotions from the congregation to bring the richness of so many voices into the journey of Advent. This year we will also host a night, inviting families (especially the youngest children) to a night where we will prepare Advent wreaths to take home, so every night can be a night to *gather in* around the table, around the wreath, around the candles looking to the light that builds as we look, now and always, to Christ.

People of God, in this month, together let us gather in, to worship, to serve, to abide together in all that God gives, with thanks, with intention, with a glance toward hope.

"Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:4-5

With all Thanks and Praise to God,
Pastor Robin



Advent Candle lighters Needed

As we begin to look forward to the coming advent season. We also need to look to congregation members to help share the light through lighting the Advent Wreath. Families and individuals are welcome to light and share in this moment of worship through the season. If you are interested in taking part in the Advent Lighting please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the gathering area. We will need people for both first and the second services.



Order Poinsettias Here

We invite members to purchase poinsettias (red or white with four to six blooms) in memory of or in honor of loved ones, or simply in their own names. These poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for services on Sunday, December 17th and Christmas Eve. The plants may be removed following either service on Christmas Eve or left at the church.

Please place your order form in designated baskets. Thank you!



In memory of loved ones. _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

I will take my plants: _____

Please deliver my plant to home-bound: _____

My name: _____

Phone: _____

No. of plants: _____

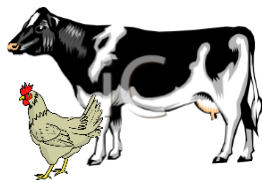
Total amount enclosed: _____

(If your list is extensive, please use another sheet of paper and print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin. Thank you!)

\$7.00 per plant

Make checks payable to
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
and designate "Poinsettias".





13th Annual Alternative Gift Fair

Sunday, December 3

9:30 AM to 11:00 AM

Snyder Hall



Do your Christmas shopping while helping others! Representatives from charitable organizations will have opportunities for you to make a donation in honor of someone on your Christmas list. Instead of purchasing the usual returnable items, alternative gifts are contributions to non –profit organizations that help those in the community and around the world.

Specific organizations will be advertised closer to the date. If you have any new ideas of organizations that might want to participate, please contact Robin Gries at (717)838-4936 or RobinGries@aol.com

The Coffee hour will be in Snyder Hall that day in conjunction with the Alternative Gift Fair.



*****Cash and checks accepted by all organizations*****

**LCCM 2017
Benefit Dinner/Silent Auction**

**Thursday, November 17, 2016
Silent Auction Begins at 5:30**

Dinner Begins at 6:30

**Location: Lebanon Area
Evangelical Free Church**

**Music: The Naimolis and
The Lebanon HS Choir**

Tickets are \$25 each.



**NOVEMBER'S
Mission Spotlight
Pasta and
Sauce (no
glass please)**

St. Andrews
Family Advent Night
Monday, November 27th 5-7PM

Calling all children and families! As Thanksgiving gives way to Advent, come and gather here at St.

Andrews to prepare for an advent journey as a family.



We will share a meal, gather for child focused worship, and each family will work together to create an Advent Wreath to take home. Along with the advent wreath, each family will be given a family prayer guide for advent. May your home and your family be centered on the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus in this Advent and Christmas season.

Grandchildren, friends, and their families are welcome!

We will take care of gathering supplies for the Advent Wreath and ordering pizza so please RSVP to Rob Cochran (youth@standrewslebanon.org) by November 19th.

EPYC Expectations



It is almost Turkey Time! I love Thanksgiving for a multitude of reasons, one of which is definitely the food and the meal that is shared amongst family. Another is the time that we can take to search in our lives for all that we can give thanks. Through the month of November, Epyc will be taking some time in our lessons to explore all that we can give thanks for, and how we can appreciate what God is doing. I would like to encourage you to ask the students what they are thankful for and share your own

thanks with them.

With the start of winter not too far off I would like to remind everyone of the St. Andrews EPYC Snow Policy. Weather and road conditions will be evaluated to determine if conditions are safe for families and students to get to the church. If Sunday service has been canceled EPYC will be canceled as well. If EPYC is cancelled there will be notifications sent out through social media, text and emails. If you have any questions on this please feel free to contact me (Rob).

Upcoming events:

November 11 EPYC Free noon meal 10:30am

November 11 EPYC Bowling at Palmyra Lanes 2pm

November 19 Turkey Bowling and Charlie Brown Decorating 4-6pm

November 26 No EPYC

SESSION NOTES

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions by Rev. Reilly.

After listening to and discernment with Rebecca Lister, she was unanimously endorsed by the session to be an Inquirer for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC (USA). This first step on the road to ordination is one of inquiry, exploration and discernment. The session members surrounded her with prayer, and we hope the congregation will also surround her in prayer as she seeks clarity in God's call.

The Baptism of John, Colin and Logan Roberts was approved for November 19th at 11AM. John and Autumn Roberts will also be joining the church and received in worship on that same day .

The trustees reported they will purchase the new convection oven for the kitchen from Siegfried's Restaurant Equipment. They are also working on other maintenance items for the church building.

The Session also:

- Received a report on the Carlisle Presbytery meeting held September 26, 2017.
- Received the preliminary 2018 budget from the Stewardship & Finance committee.
- Approved several building use requests.

The meeting was closed with prayer.



Deacon Ministry

We Deacons strive to be good shepherds. If you cannot reach your Deacon, please call Donna Kuntz, our moderator; her contact information will be found in the St. Andrews directory...or call the church office.

The **W**ednesday **E**vening **B**ible **S**tudy Group will be beginning our Advent study on Wednesday November 29 at 7:00 pm in the chapel. The name of the study is: “Because of Bethlehem” by Max Lucado. In the midst of our hectic Christmas season, Max Lucado urges us to remember that Jesus, who made everything, made himself small and he became human. Also, Lucado wants us to:

- Rekindle our connection to the Christ of Christmas
- Lay down our endless Christmas to-do lists and receive what Jesus has done.
- Heal our heartache by embracing the God who is always near us.

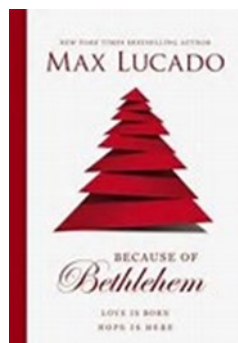
This is a DVD study, so no book is necessary. All are welcome to this Advent study. Why not take some time this Christmas season to forget the lists and take time to study God’s word?

For any questions or more information on WEBS Group, please contact Ken

Gries email: knagries@aol.com or

Phone: 717-838-4936 (Home) or 717-679-0677 (Cell).

Merry Christmas from the WEBS Group!





Presbyterian Women



Is a word associated with NOVEMBER!

Despite countless ongoing critical events in the world around us, we pause to focus on our many blessings! A tangible way to express our thankfulness will happen on Sunday, November 12th, when we have our annual THANK OFFERING DAY! Monies collected from St. Andrews, and many other Presbyterian Churches (USA), will allow the PW Creative Ministries Offering Committee to approve several grant applications already submitted to them from around the world. Watch for further details.

Here are some more PW items happening this month . . .

CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT: 50 stockings have been made by our sewing group for friends in local mental health facilities and nursing homes. The several items included in each stocking come to a cost of \$8.00. Stockings will be passed on to the Church Women United. In 2016 over 1500 stockings were given out to 18 area facilities. If you would like to help defray the cost please place cash or check payable to WOMEN OF THE CONGREGATION with notation of "Christmas Stockings" and deliver to church office, or place in offering plate.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST MEAL: Coordinated this month by Beckie Dreibelbis. Each month PW prepares and serves a meal for their after school program held at Calvary Church in Lebanon. This will take place on November 2nd.

PLANNING MEETING: On November 9th our PW Planning Team will meet in the library to decide the distribution of available funds in our account and to plan programs for 2018. Please pray for the Lord's guidance in these matters.

Our LEAST COIN for Oct – Nov – Dec is **quarters!** As you pass the containers so marked, and have one or two in your pocket, throw them in! When these coins from around the world are collected and totaled, they bring one more blessing of God's love to a worthy cause!



Can it be???? YES – Just around the corner! **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** Monday, December 4, 2017, Christmas Desert Bar & Bazaar (Items for purchase made by PW Sewing Group). The whole congregation is invited! 6:30 p.m., Snyder Hall. Music with Lee Moyer. Please bring one

unwrapped infant item to place under the tree. Layette collection will be donated to LCCM. Come and enjoy a dramatic reading of "The Pennsylvania Dutch Night Before Christmas" by Bill Kalbaugh!

November Birthdays

1	Collin Miller	20	Don Leshner
2	Grace Oxenreider	21	Robert Dowd, Sr.
	Gregory Becker	22	Beth Howard
3	Jane Long	24	Nell Tice
5	Tom Bechtold	25	Laura Juppenlatz
7	Charlotte Allwein	26	Nancy Hoff
8	Kelsey McMillen		Adam Shreve
14	Jerry Fisch	27	Will Juppenlatz
15	Jody DeWald		Megan Risko
17	Chris Risko	29	George Pomeroy

IN MEMORY



JANE JUPPENLATZ

Jane joined St Andrews in November 1957 along with her husband Jack. She was an active member until her death on September 21, 2017. Jane had the distinction of serving on Session, Deacons and Trustees, where she also served as President. She was on the committees for the church addition and sanctuary renovation, serving as an interior decoration advisor. Jane was instrumental in forming the Morning Has Broken Grief Support Group. She was active in PW and participated in writing the *Spoonful of Grace* cookbook. Jane will be remembered for her devotion to her church and family.

KEN BALDWIN

Ken joined St Andrews in October of 1995 when he moved to Cornwall Manor with his wife Muriel. They transferred their membership from The United Methodist Church of Bethpage New York. Ken and Muriel were faithful members of the church until Muriel's death in February and Ken's death in September.

PYONG MADISON

Pyong joined St Andrews on Reaffirmation of Faith in June of 2014 along with her husband Dan. Pyong's gracious personality along with her delicious food contributions were the highlight of many coffee hours.

Dying is a wild night and a new road. --- Emily Dickinson

One of the things so astonishing and costly about the passing of a loved one is that, while the sun continues to rise and set, newspapers continue to be delivered, traffic lights still change from red to green and back again, our whole life is turned around, turned upside down.

Is it any wonder we feel disoriented, confused? Yet the people we pass on the street are going about their business as though no one's world has been shaken to the core, as though the earth has not opened and swallowed us up, dropped us into a world of insecurity and change.

I can remember vividly my first trip to the grocery store alone after my husband died. I wondered if I looked different, if anyone could tell that I was grieving, did I act any differently? Obviously none of that was so, unless I met someone who knew me, and then I had a few tears to share, fortunately with someone who understood.

At the meetings of our Grief Support Group we often talk about events such as this and how they are so common. No, you are not alone in thinking these thoughts and in feeling a sense of confusion and vulnerability. It is good to be able to share these thoughts and these questions with other folks who have "been there, done that" and are still here to share their stories and experiences and help guide someone else along the way.

If you or someone you know is grieving and could benefit from coming to our meetings, please feel free to come to our meetings. All are welcome! In the years that we have been meeting, we have helped a lot of people work through their grief and feel better about the life they have ahead of them. Our regular meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM, in Cassel Chapel. The November meeting will be on Thursday, November 9, and the December meeting will be our annual Christmas Luncheon, likely at the Lebanon Country Club, on Thursday, December 14, at 12:00 noon. Please feel free to come meet with us. You will be welcomed there among us!

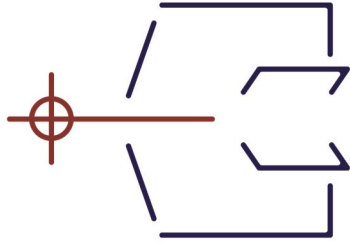
If you have any questions about the group, please feel free to contact our Advisor Diane Pomeroy at 717- 454-0756; Pat Yates at 717-273-9297; or call the church office, 717-272-9933.

It is, as Emily Dickinson says, "a new road" – for us as surely as the one we have lost. It will take time to learn to walk that road. Those who have had their own experiences of loss will probably be our most helpful guides. In time, we will be helpers for others.

I have entered a new country. I will be patient with myself. I will look for companions on the way.

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