

St. Andrews Herald

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They're baack!



Our hero barbecue team will again
be working their magic on **Sunday,**
September 11 following worship!
Sign up in the Gathering Area!
Don't miss it!

Beginning September 18

Sunday school 9AM

Worship 10AM

Fellowship 11AM

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
Matthew 6:25

Continuing Sermon Series: “ A Few Stories”

September 4th Communion (Labor Day)

2 Kings 5:1-10

2 Kings 5:11-19

Naaman: The Path of Healing

September 11th—Teacher Commissioning

1 Kings 17:8-16

2 Kings 4:38-44

Elijah & Elisha: It's All About the Food

New Sermon Series: “Our Core Values”

September 18th—Sunday School Starts/
New Members Received

Matthew 6:25-34

Seeking Christ First

September 25th

Matthew 16:24-28

Putting Christ First

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear People of God,

September is here and I'm not sure what to think.

As I look back on the summer, I can see little sparks that things are moving. Back in May, in the review conversation with Rob, we told him that he was going before us, in a sense he was the first one over the wall, to go out and try new things to reach out to children and youth. (Don't worry, this is shared with his permission). While I am sure there was some stress and uncertainty on his part (ok probably a lot); what I saw was an amazing new energy and spirit in him as he shifted, dramatically shifted, from a program style to a relation style of ministry. I encourage you to read his letter in the newsletter to hear his perspective on this summer and the outcomes that are already evident.

I am noticing that when we step out and try something new, God is faithful to go with us and even meet us! While Spark Park became a place to welcome and meet our neighbors, Mission Week became a time for me to remember that God shows up, especially when we think nothing will happen. Tuesday of Mission Week, Beckie and I went to a park on Walnut Street to put mulch on the playground. In case you forgot, it was hot, over 90 degrees, and at 8:30 that morning, I could already feel it. We started with two, just Beckie and me and a HUGE pile of mulch that I knew we could conquer. I was tired just looking at the pile. So, what could we do? The swings we decided. So we started hauling and spreading some mulch. And I was already starting to think this was way too much for us, I wasn't going to last very long. And then Karen showed up! And not long after Karen came, God sent us an angel. A young man, recently moved to the area who had met our Rails to Trails clean-up crew the night before and had come to help us. By 9:30 our 2 had become 4. Amazing! We worked together and finished the swing section. What I re-discovered is that when we step out in faith, *God does show up, and gives us the help we need.*

These are a few of the little sparks I see as I look back on the summer.

And yet, as I look around, I also see many of you, who are so faithful, and are so tired.

I know how hard the last few years have been, and I know looking at change here is not easy. I am continually encouraged by your faith that says yes, we will keep going; yes, we will commit to move into a new season partnering with Ministry Architects; yes, we will show up for Listening Visits and Visioning Summits; yes, we want to serve God. And yet, there are moments when I can see the strain. I want you to

know that you are seen. I know that while you are saying, yes...there may be some uncertainty, maybe even some hesitancy. I appreciate the yes, more that you can know, and it helps me too, to keep saying yes, I am going to trust God and trust this journey.

And yet, as we move into September, even as we are ramping up for Fall, I feel drawn to say, maybe it is time for us to go back to the basics. Maybe it is time to go back to the heart of our faith, to Christ.

Christ is the one who tells us: *“Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.”* (Matthew 11:28)

As your pastor, I long for you to find rest for your souls.

Let us seek God together, as we move into this new season.

Let us seek Christ’s leading, the one who shares our load, as we are yoked with him, who makes even our weaknesses strengths, to reveal the presence and the glory of God.

Let us seek Christ first.

With you on the journey,

Pastor Robin



Some Numbers from Rob

As I am writing this it is mid-August. Where did the summer go?! Well, when I look back and see where it has gone, it has gone into a whole new push using the resource of Spark Park. It has gone into community building as I connect with students and families. It has gone into moving the youth ministries of St. Andrews to line up with the New Mission and Core Values of the church. And all this, has worked!

I want to share some numbers. If you are not a numbers person, like me, then hang on we will get to the stories in a moment. Over the course of the summer, I started tracking the number of times I have been able to engage with a student. What does that Mean? Well, it means I have some great news, I have had as of writing 300 student connection points over the course of the summer! This means the time spent with students this summer comes out to 482 hours! That is 482 hours of students, across the community, encountering the Love of Christ because of St. Andrews! In addition, at the beginning of the summer A goal was set for me to meet and get to know 40 new kids with 2 weeks left I am at 39! (I'll take prayers for God to send one more!) With, how things are going I may be over 40 by the end of August.

Now what does this mean? It means that the church has created a space and time for families and students to come and be a community, with us. Here are just a few of the stories from the summer.

One family had their son in the middle of the Pandemic. Spark Park offered them a place of support and grace for their kid to safely start socializing.

Another family found a place of community and support when they were in the middle of isolation and challenge.

One family found a safe community harbor to bring their kids to have fun, read, and interact with other families, right here in their neighborhood.

And another family has found a place to connect with a community and bring their son, who in turn has started bringing his friends.

A group of students meet every week, at a coffee shop, to read and talk through a book. Showing their love and support for one another, as they built common ground.

Looking ahead to this year, I see blank pages of untold connections and stories. Opportunities for gatherings have only just begun, there is so much more to come! And St. Andrews has only just begun in this story! With your prayers with your presence be a part of what God is doing as we go, *'Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into relationship with God and each other.'*

MISSION WEEK PHOTO GALLERY



SPARK PARK PHOTO GALLERY



Fall Schedule

What's Happening at St. Andrews

Sunday	9AM Sunday school 10AM Worship 11AM Fellowship 4-6PM Trailblazers & Epyc
4th Monday	7PM Compassionate Friends in the Liv. Rm
Tuesday	9AM Sew and Sew ladies in Youth Center 1:30PM Band Together in Rm 8
2nd Tuesday	6PM Knitting Guild in the Gathering Area 7PM PEO in Snyder Hall (beg. in Nov.)
Wednesday	6PM Spark Park 6:30PM Praise Team rehearsal 7PM WEBS in the Chapel 7:30PM Choir rehearsal
2nd Thursday	2PM Grief Support in the Chapel
2nd Saturday	12PM Free Noon Meal in Snyder Hall

Music Notes

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 7, at 7:30 in the Music Room. We will be learning new music for Fall and a new Christmas Cantata, "*A Weary World Rejoices.*"

Come join us as we sing and lift our voices to the Lord, bringing our hears, souls, minds, and strengths together to worship the Lord.

Ephesians 5:19—"*...singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.*"



SEPT. IN YOUTH NEWS



A Quick Word from Rob

Alright, Anyone Else wondering what happened to summer? Just me, okay well, Welcome to Fall! There is a lot happening this fall and it is an exciting way to get into the school year! Please pray for the students as the year kicks off and they begin navigating new classes and schools.

In Christ's Hope,

Rob

Fall Events

- September 11th Whole Church BBQ Fun Games, Food, Music 11am (ish) all welcome!
- October 15th Pumpkin Picking and Carving With Dr. Overholt.
- October 27th 6-8pm Trunk or Treat!
- Mark your calendars, Santa Returns Dec 4th

Youth Groups

- Spark Park Sept 14th, 21st, 28th 6pm in Spark Park (0-12 years)
- Trailblazers 4-6pm Sept 18th, 25th (1st-5th grade).
- Epyc 4-6pm Sept 18th, 25th (6th-12th grade)

In Youth Group

Spark Park Was huge! go see my article for the Spark Park Days for how big. This year is looking like it is going to be a huge year as well! So come along and watch us grow! Join us for dinner or youth.

For More Information

Contact Rob
Cell 717-847-7618

or

youth@standrewslebanon.org

Trunk or Treat!

Fall is nearly here, and of course with fall there are two things that always happen. One, pumpkin spice finds its way into everything, and two, Trunk or Treat! That's right Trunk or Treat is right around the corner. So here are a few of the important details so everyone can start planning!

October 27th, 6-8pm here in the church parking lot, Sign up as a trunk in the gathering area!

Food Trucks, That's right two food trucks are going to setup for the evening, Quinn's Coffee Bar and the Chubby Unicorn!

Crazy Book Lady will be set up at the Free Little Library!

A Pumpkin Carving competition with prizes!

And so much more!

This year's Trunk or Treat is building to be a great outreach into the community. In the past we have reached 300 hundred people. But, with the outreach we have done this summer, and the inclusions of news resources to connect with the community I fully expect that we will surpass the 300 mark! Which means we need you! Setting up a trunk is easy and fun, there is always candy at the church to help supply your trunk, and this year the theme is great fun!...

It's GAMES!!

So, think about your favorite board games, video games, games!

And have fun with your costumes and trunks!



What is...

Sunday School?

Every age group has an opportunity to gather in a space dedicated to furthering our relationship with God and each other through joined experiences. Sunday school Starts September 18th, 9am.

Karen F. and Marylynn M. Classroom 1, pre-k to 1st grade

Melynda C. Classroom 4, 2nd-5th grade

Tim P. Classroom 7, 6th-7th grade

Rob C. Gathering area, 8th- 12th grade

Ken G. Adult Class Chapel 9am

Rick B. Adult Class Chapel 11am

Epyc?

This is the time for students 6th-12th grades to gather for a time of fellowship, fun, food and discipleship on Sunday's 4-6pm in the youth center.

Trailblazers?

This is the time for students 1st-5th grades to gather for a time of fellowship, fun, food and discipleship on Sunday's 4-6pm in the living room.

Spark Park Day?

With the success of the Spark Park Days this summer we will continue this community outreach through the course of the year. Wednesday 6pm in Spark Park, when it is too Cold/Dark we will move inside to the Youth Center and Gym.



SESSION NOTES

The Session of St. Andrews met on Tuesday August 9th in Cas-
sel Chapel at 7pm. The Session approved the Worship Com-
mittee's recommendation to hold one Christmas Eve service
on Saturday December 4th at 6pm. There will be a service on
Sunday December 25th (Christmas Day) at the usual time.
There will be no Sunday School that day.

The Christian Education Committee reported that they are ex-
ploring ways to bring increased discipleship opportunities to
our church family. One idea under consideration is to develop
small group Bible Study opportunities. More information will
be forthcoming.

There will be an all church picnic and barbeque on Sunday Sep-
tember 11th.

The Administration and Personnel Committee reported that Mary
Lynne Mulligan has been hired to replace Cliffy Shiner as Of-
fice Manager. Cliffy will be retiring at the end of August.

The ad hoc technology committee presented the first draft of a
proposal to upgrade the technology and internet in the
church. The proposal was sent back to the committee follow-
ing discussion and requests for further investigation and clari-
fication.

The Nominating Committee is still seeking candidates to fill po-
sitions for elders, deacons and trustees for upcoming terms of
office.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Dielmann

Update on Home Communion

Beginning on World Communion Sunday (October 2nd), we will
be resuming serving home communion to our shut ins and
those who desire communion but do not yet feel comfortable
returning to the Sunday morning church services. The Wor-
ship Committee is seeking members of the congregation who
are interested in participating in serving in this ministry. Any
current or previously ordained elder or deacon who is inter-
ested in assisting with home communion, please contact ei-
ther Pastor Robin, Karen Dielmann or the church office.
Thank you for your help.

Deacon Doings

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” Mark 10:45 NKJV

Why should we serve? How can we serve? In the verse above, Jesus himself said He did not come to be served. Imagine the King of the universe telling us that he came to serve. How then can we, His mere creation, say that we should be served? Or that “I have done my time”? We, as Christians, do not get the luxury of retiring from Christ’s service. We should want to serve our LORD and do all that we can to help reach others. The Deacons are one way to be of service to the church. We help with the caretaking of the congregation. The Deacons take joy in helping the members of the congregation. We would love to have you consider joining us as we work to ensure that everyone in our congregation is cared for. How can you serve? There are many ways. This is the time of year when the church is looking for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Consider serving that way. There are other ways as well. Write a card from the display in the Gathering Area to one of our home-based members. Haven’t seen someone in a while? Give them a call. There will be need for people to help serve Home Communion when it begins again in the fall. You can also become one of our prayer warriors. You can join the prayer chain by contacting office and they will put you in contact with the prayer chain coordinator. Want to help but don’t know what is right for you? Contact the Pastor or me. There is a Chinese proverb that says, “If you want happiness for a lifetime, help someone else”.

Submitted,
Ken Gries - Moderator





In memory
Virginia (Phillips) Brandt

Virginia joined the church as a member of the confirmation class April 2, 1958. She was the daughter of Tom and Ethel Phillips, long-time members of St Andrews. She was preceded in death by a brother Tom and sister Susan and is survived by a brother John and sister-in-law Ginny Phillips, a current active member of the church. Virginia entered the church triumphant July 19, 2022.



MISSION SPOTLIGHT

For September
Low Sodium Gravy and Broth/
Au Gratin Potatoes and Instant Rice



3	Tim Chevalier	17	Annette Chevalier
4	Fay Peterson	18	Danielle Chevalier
	Ken Tice		Caitlyn Gelgot
	Dave Tshudy		Barry Kohr
5	Joanne Fairlamb		John K. Goetze (dad)
	Margi Hearson	19	Cynthia Condrack
	Charles Jones III	20	Nicholas Chevalier
6	Dan Dowhower		Gayle Reilly
11	Alexamarie Lowrie	23	Claude Miller
13	Jim Reilly	25	Bonnie Tenney
16	Nadine Jones	26	Summer Hakkinen
	Carol Hockenbury	27	Lew Sauerwein



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