

St. Andrews Herald

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 2022

Trunk or treat!



Join us!
Thursday, October 27
6–8 pm

October 2022 Worship

Christ First: *We will do all things as a reflection of Christ.*

October 2nd World Communion/Peacemaking
Philippians 1:12-21
Colossians 3:12-17
Living First in Christ



Inviting: *We will extend Christ's welcome to all.*

October 9th
John 4
Rob Cochran
Not All Who Wander Are Lost



October 16th Stewardship Sunday
you are invited to bring or mail your estimate of giving cards to the church.
Psalm 61
Luke 18:35-19:10
Welcoming the High and the Low

October 23rd St. Andrews Day
John 3:1-8
John 8:1-11 And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'
Welcoming the Condemned and the Confused

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

October 30th
John 2:1-12
Full of Joy



St. Andrews Day

We will celebrate St. Andrews Day on **Sunday, October 23**. As we honor our 50-year members during worship, we celebrate the past and present of St. Andrews. Immediately following worship we will have our **Annual Congregational Meeting** to elect officers, approve the pastor's terms of call, and attend to any other business of the church. It is a day of celebration—we hope you will join us!

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A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear God's beloved people at St. Andrews,

In the last few weeks, I am seeing glimpses of what happens if you love people – honestly love people in the name of Christ. It looks like new faces becoming a part of our family. It looks like children smiling and running around big people as they discover that this church is a place they are loved and known. I am also seeing glimpses of how it changes us. For encountering others in the love of Christ moves us, and it joins us together with those God brings. I am reminded that we are called to love as Christ loved, and Christ's love changed lives, and it continues to change lives.

As I joyfully see these glimpses of God working right in our midst, I am also seeing more and more clearly how we are burdened in our life together. Our boards, committees and all the meetings that follow keep absorbing our energy, too much of our energy. As we move together in this year, please join me in thinking and praying about this. As Presbyterians it is important to us to do things *'decently and in order.'* It is also important to us to be *'reformed and always reforming.'* What do we long to spend more time on? If we were to start a church now, what kind of structure would we imagine? Could we find a way for our structure to lift us up, and not hold us down? On Sunday, October 30th at 11AM, we will have a Re-structuring Conversation. Please join me in Snyder Hall to share thoughts, ideas and to think creatively as a congregation! All are invited, come join in this important conversation!

In this season of change it is my hope that we lean into the joy of the Lord! I will be continuing to preach through our shared values: *Christ First! Inviting! Joyful! and Open Minded!* This month also brings World Communion, as we remember our brothers and sisters all across the world; Stewardship Sunday, where we come together and offer our commitments to God; and St. Andrews Day; a wonderful day to celebrate and worship God together! May we keep following Christ, serving Christ, and loving in the name of Christ! As we do this, we will find the people who most need Christ's love, right now.

In this full season,

May Christ go before us and behind us.

May Christ be right beside us, and within us.

May Christ guide us, encourage us, and challenge us!

May we abide in Christ, and Christ in us.

In the love of Christ,

Pastor Robin



Looking for a Mission?

Join the “Lunch Ladies”!

When I was teaching, I remember the students really looking forward to lunch. Not only was it a time to sit and talk with their friends, but the “lunch ladies” served up great meals, and always with a smile!

Did you know there is a small group of “Lunch Ladies” at St. Andrews? On the first Thursday of each month during the school year, we prepare and drop off lunch at the True Life Youth Ministry (formerly Youth for Christ) pre-school at their classroom at 10th and Lehman Streets. We keep it simple, we keep it healthy, and we need YOU!!

Please consider joining Beckie Dreibelbis, Maggie Beatty, Kathy Hetrick, Sue Mechura, Ann Ormond, and Karen Register in our mission: just one Thursday, out of one month, out of one school year. You’ll be an official Lunch Lady! Being an Equal Opportunity Mission, men are welcome! Contact Sue at 717-273-7507 or smechura@hotmail.com to see how you can help!

Music Notes



Youth Bells

Schedule:

October 2 – Rehearsal 3:30.

October 9 – **Move rehearsal to right after Sunday School. Done by 10:15 at the latest. No 3:30 rehearsal.**

October 16 – Rehearsal 3:30

October 23 – Rehearsal 3:30

October 30 – Play in Worship. Meet after Sunday School for quick warmup. Regular rehearsal 3:30

November into December – schedule TBD



Rehearsals Have Resumed!

**Praise Team rehearsals are Wednesdays,
at 6:30pm** in the Sanctuary

**Chancel Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays,
at 7:30pm** in the Music Room.

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

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



Fall Schedule

What's Happening at St. Andrews

Sunday	9AM Sunday School (Youth & Adult) 10AM Worship 11AM Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time 11AM Adult Sunday School 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 (beginning 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

October Youth Events



October 15th, Pumpkin Patch and Carving! Meet at Seyfert's Corn Maize at 1pm to play some games and pick Pumpkins. Then we'll head back to the church at 2pm to learn some pumpkin Carving with Dr. Overholt!!

October 27th 6-8pm Trunk or Treat! Come One Come All! This year's theme is Games, and we are dressing the parking lot up like candy land! Care to test your pumpkin carving skills? Enter into this year's Pumpkin Carving Competition by October 23rd.



OCT. AT A GLANCE



A Quick Word from Rob

Youth Group has returned for the year. Epyc and Trailblazers are in full swing, and it has been a great start to the year! And we have a growing and hungry group of students! Come help us welcome our new faces and the youth who have grown up here, with a good meal. So, come join us by being a dinner maker Hero. Signup can be found online, in the church email, and in the gathering area.

In Christ's Hope,

Rob

Fall Events

- October 15th 1pm Pumpkin Picking and Carving With Dr. Overholt.
- October 27th 6-8pm Trunk or Treat!
- Mark your calendars, St. Nicholas Returns Dec 4th

Youth Groups

- Spark Park Oct 5th, 12th, 19th 6pm in Spark Park (0-12 years)
- Trailblazers 4-6pm Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (1st-5th grade).
- Epyc 4-6pm Oct 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (6th-12th grade)

In Youth Group

That busy summer of being open and invitational with Spark Park and the community. That paid off! Whats that mean going forward? Well, Let's throw the doors open and invite everyone! Let's keep going out and sharing the Peace of Christ!

For More Information

Contact Rob
Cell 717-847-7618

or

youth@standrewslebanon.org



Rob's October Review

Anybody a pumpkin spice fan? It is interesting how in this time of year Pumpkin spice finds its way into everything. Coffee, donuts, bread, Oreos, Cup of Noodles (Yes that's a thing that has happened) and on and on the list goes. Every year it seems like the fans of pumpkin spice expand, and the joy of its return goes a little further. All this expansion of the love of pumpkin spice is through the simplicity of sharing a cup of coffee with a pumpkin spice lover who will gladly tell you why they look forward to this time of year.

Well, what does pumpkin spice have to do with youth ministry here at St. Andrews? Invitation, it is all about invitation. Our great Kickoff to the school year and the youth ministry this year, was because of invitation. Students invited friends, neighbors are inviting neighbors, the community is being invited through connections and outreaches. And October presents us a great time of invitation and outreach to the community. To open the doors of the youth ministry and the congregation through Trunk or Treat.

Trunk or treat is an incredible outreach and time for everyone! It is also an easy and welcoming event for the community to come just as they are and encounter the love of Christ. (I will be preaching on this soon *'Not all who Wonder are Lost'*, October 9th.) When we meet the community where they are, whether it is here at the church, or out in our communities it has an effect. People become curious, they want to know what makes us as believers stand out, and so they join. They encounter the "*Christ be with you*" that is us together as the body of Christ in our community.

If you would like to invite your family, friends, neighbors, community, to anything at the church this is the season for it. Just like those pumpkin spice fans that are out there who started this whole craze through just sharing a cup of coffee, that's all it takes for us to do as well!

PS: I am not fan of Pumpkin Spice, but while writing this I had a Pumpkin Spice Latte, and it is not that bad.

October 27, 6-8pm, Trunk or Treat.

Sign up in the gathering area.



Dinner Makers

I would also like to invite all of you to join Epyc and Trailblazers as a dinner maker! If you have been a dinner maker in the past Thank you! If you want to Join us this year, please Do! Dinner makers are Heroes! It may seem intimidating to be a dinner maker, but it is rather fun to join in the fun that is dinner time with the kids, AND we need your help!

If you are worried about what to make, I have some great recommendations. In fact, if you look below I have included a recipe from the 1953, Ladies of 4th St. Presbyterian recipe book, 'What's Cooking?'. This book is out in the gathering area and has some treasures of family recipes. Which, coincidentally, is also where you can find one of the lists to sign up to be a dinner maker.

Dinner Makers Heroes Sign Up! Follow the link below or sign up in the gathering area. If you need help with dinner ideas see Rob he has plenty! Dinner Sign Maker Sign Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4babad2aa5fa7-dinner>

Macaroni Casserole

Mrs. Arthur Dilts

Make a thin white sauce.

(Rob's note: going to assume this is an alfredo sauce thinned)

Butter a baking dish, add cooked macaroni. Then a layer of cut up medium sharp cheese, and one cup leftover ham. Then add more macaroni and white sauce. Add buttered bread crumbs on top and bake at 350 (F) degrees until nice and brown.



Congregational Conversation - *On Re-Structuring*

Sunday, October 30th 11AM in Snyder Hall

All are Invited to be a part of this important conversation.

Today we have 50 elected officers serving each year,
in various terms.

Today, we have 3 boards and 8 committees.

What other structure could we imagine?

What would we like to spend our time and energy on
as a congregation?

How could our structure, be used to lift us up?

*Come join the conversation and help us reform,
for our life together now and what we long for in our future.*

SESSION NOTES

The Session of St. Andrews met on Tuesday September 6th in Cassel Chapel at 7pm.

An action was approved by Session to accept the following new members: IvaJean Conley, Bonnie Houtz (wife of Rev. Dick Houtz who is a member of Presbytery) Astrid Santiago, Andy & Sherri Timm, Coleen Tuisl, Artemis Tuisl & Morgan Witman. Be sure to make our new members feel most welcome.

An action was approved by Session to support the Christian Education Committee's proposed small group study on discipleship to be launched this fall. The groups are to be known as Follow-ship Groups. Each group will have a facilitator and resource materials and will decide their meeting time and place. Look for sign up sheets in the Gathering Place.

A motion was brought by the Stewardship & Finance Committee on behalf of the Technology Committee, and approved by Session, for expenditures to upgrade various technology infrastructures in the church. These items include a new cellular based phone system, needed upgrade to digital and expanded capacity audio mixer, upgraded live stream video camera switcher and cameras, a large screen TV to replace the deteriorating rear facing projector, a TV for the Nursery to facilitate streaming the service by Nursery attendants, a large screen TV for the Gathering Place for service streaming and display of announcements and dissemination of other church information, a large screen TV for Snyder Hall to be used for Movie Nights and congregational meetings where visual information display would be helpful and surveillance cameras and monitoring equipment for the Poplar Street entrance and Spark Park.

The Transformation Team has outlined three broad goals for attainment by 2025 along with implementation steps and benchmark criteria to assess progress. The goals are, by 2025:

a) Create a balance for all adult, youth, children, and young adults to be more actively involved in discipleship activities than in committee meetings.

b) Each member will have a regular rhythm of inviting at least three people, each year, into our welcoming worshiping community.

c) We will re-imagine how we use and invest in our physical and online space to bless our neighborhood, by leveraging and elevating our members' existing community relationships and partnerships.

Karen Dielmann and Lew Sauerwein were the St Andrews Elder/Commissioners to the September 24th, 2022 Presbytery of Carlisle quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Lew Sauerwein

Deacon Doings

He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease” John 3:30 NKJV

In this time when we are all somewhat self-absorbed. How can we say, “I must decrease?” It is totally counterculture. We are bombarded everyday by “me, me, me.” We have been told all our lives to “Look out for number one.”; or “Charity begins at home.” So how do we reverse years of ingrained learning? We must rely on the one who must increase. Jesus. He is the one that can help us. We can look to the first one of our church’s new values. Christ first. What does putting Christ first look like? Maybe start the day with a prayer. “God help me put you first today.” and see what happens. We must learn to look past ourselves and let Jesus shine through us. Once we do that, we will notice that there are many ways that we can decrease our own self-importance and begin to show the love of Christ. Maybe let that person merge in front of us on our way to work, call that friend that we miss seeing at church or truly listen when someone is telling you about their day. The words of the song “Less Like Me” by Zach Williams says it well:

“Oh Lord, help me be

A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.

A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.

A little more like patience. A little more like peace.

A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.”

Submitted,
Ken Gries - Moderator



NEW MEMBERS

Reach out and welcome the newest members of our St. Andrews Family!



Andy & Sheri Timm, Dick & Bonnie Houtz, Astrid Santiago, IvaJean Conley, Morgan Witman & Artemus Tuisl, Colleen Tuisl



1	Diane Pomeroy Tim Peelen	15	Carolyn Kilgore Lorraine Lowrie
2	Bob Hearson		Sue Mechura
4	Nancy Leshner Virginia Phillips		Carol Schiller Fiona Tshudy
5	Ellen Dreibelbis	18	Belinda Spicer
6	Paul Kilgore	23	Colleen Tuisl
7	Sam Dreibelbis Collin Jones	26	Andy Timm
8	Jere Shiner	29	Don Beatty Karen Register
10	Barbara Moyer	30	Lorna Everhart
11	Bridget Hofman	30	Michael Hains
14	Morgan Witman	31	Katelynn Sensenig

St. Andrews Salutations



Dear St. Andrews Family,

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy on the passing of our beloved Leo: Husband, father, and Opa. Our testimony will be of God's love and mercy to all of us in life and in death. Thanks be to Him!

Blessings of peace & joy,

-Betty Ann Seiser,

Eric, Kate, Anderson & Alexander

I want to send a huge "Thank You" to all my St. Andrews friends for the wonderful support you have sent my way since I came to Spang Crest in March. The best part is the "Wall of Love" that is opposite my bed where I can see it all the time as a constant reminder of the love and prayers expressed there! This wall has grown to be a center of attention on my hall! In addition, I am greatly appreciative of your visits, phone calls, gifts, meals and snacks. Most of all, your prayers mean so much. A special "Thanks" to my faithful Deacon, Ann Ormond, and my "Deacon Emeritus" Maggie Beatty, for your dedicated support.

God's Blessings to everyone at St. Andrews.

With Much Love,

-Pat Yates



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone who would like to have a prayer shawl, please contact Joanne Whary or Ann Ormond!



Congregational Life

St. Andrews Day is October 23rd

Join \us for a special Coffee Hour with Shortbread!

The next Congregational Life Committee meeting will
be on the 2nd Wednesday, 10/12/22 at 5:45PM,
in person and via zoom

The Christmas luncheon will be directly after church
on 12/11/22

Coffee Hours will continue to be held outside
as weather/temperature permits.



MISSION SPOTLIGHT

For OCTOBER
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