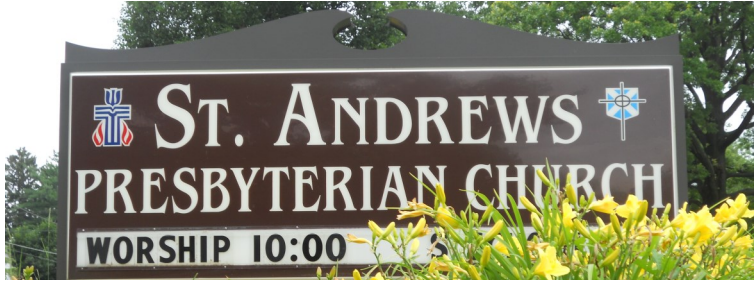


ST. ANDREWS HERALD

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MARCH 2023



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www.standrewslebanon.org/watchlive

The Season of Lent

Let us come and worship together, journey together through the wilderness, seeing and seeking God.

March 5th Worship and Communion

“So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.”

Genesis 12:1-4a

Matthew 14:22-33

‘Going into the Unknown’ with Pastor Robin

March 12th Worship

“It was always so: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp.” Numbers 9:16 -17

Numbers 9:15-23

Matthew 7:24-27

‘A Foundation of Faith’ with Pastor Robin

March 19th Worship

“The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.’”

John 9:1-41

With guest preacher: Rev. Ivo Meilands

March 26th

“I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived.” Ezekiel 37:10

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John 11:1-45

‘The Word that Revives’ with Pastor Robin

Continued...

Holy Week

Sunday, April 2nd 10AM

Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship with Special Music, Palms and the
Passion narrative

Thursday, April 6th 7PM

Maundy Thursday

Worship & Communion

Friday, April 7th 7PM Good Friday

Tenebrae: a service of Darkness

Sunday, April 9th 10AM Easter

Worship, Communion, Special Music

AND

Community Easter Egg Hunt (11:15AM)

Save the Date

Sacrament Learning Labs for Children and Families

Sunday, April 16th 11AM

Baptism

Sunday, April 30th 11AM

Communion

Families are invited to come and explore the gifts of God, specifically our sacraments of Baptism and Communion. This is recommended for children 5 years old and up. If younger children are interested, please talk to Pastor Robin.

A light lunch will be offered. Children should come with a supporting adult (parent, grandparent, care-giver).

*Sign up in the Gathering Area or contact the church office,
at least one week in advance.*

Discipleship Summit

Last year, with Ministry Architects' help, we started a conversation that has built to the journey of this past year. We are again looking towards a conversation on next steps.

Please **save the date for May 7th**, 11-1pm, to join in the Discipleship Summit and explore how everyone at St. Andrews, birth to 100yrs and beyond, can grow in faith and discipleship.

Lent is a time to take time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up and walk around in us, a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts, a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his Word, a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us, a time to ponder and a time to wonder...

Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, for thoughts come unbidden.

Perhaps we're afraid to face our future knowing our past.

Give us courage, O God, to hear your Word and to read our living into it.

Give us the trust to know we're forgiven

and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk. -Ann Weems

A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

As I am writing, it is still February, and yet I already feel like Lent and March Madness were made to go together. The Flowers and my wardrobe can't figure out if it is winter or spring. My own extended family is trying to adjust to a different life, after one short and one long stay in the hospital. And here at church, we are moving forward with our Technology upgrades, which in reality means that everything works, and then nothing works, and we move forward knowing it will work better....once we get through the wilderness, once we navigate through the uncertain bumps in the road. (I came back from lunch one day and Comcast was there putting up a new cable, because a squirrel had eaten through the one we had. This stuff doesn't even happen in dreams, but it does in real life.) And so we have: madness, uncertainty, transitions, and Lent.

In this season, we will gather around scripture stories, that we can connect to, right in the midst of these days. Stories with people like us, such as:

Adam and Eve, contemplating boundary issues;
Jesus in the wilderness surrounded by temptation;
Abram heading to an uncertain place - a place that God says, He *will* show him;
Peter confidently stepping out onto the water, until he starts sinking;
A man healed, while the whole community criticizes instead of celebrates;
And with dry bones and a dear friend, being surprised by how God revives life.
Maybe we too need to be revived.

In the midst of this crazy life, the season of Lent offers us space to reflect, to re-direct our lives, to re-engage our faith, and to find a way to live our faith, trusting God, in the uncertainty.

If you happen to watch any of the March Madness Games, you will see College Students, in great shape and playing their very best, in each game. You will see these basketball players, use skills they have practiced for years. The draw on skills and years of practice as they play in these games that all are so important. We know this takes practice, and yet so often in our lives, we try and skip that part where we practice - and just play.

We need to practice our faith. It needs to be ok to say:

*I never learned that skill in my life of faith.
I don't really feel confident praying, or reading scripture.
I don't really understand what it means to follow Jesus.
Will you help me learn it now?
I need more ways to practice faith, sitting in church is not enough for me anymore,
would you practice with me?*

Wherever you find yourself, in this season, join with me in this intentional season of Lent. It is on the days filled with madness or uncertainty that we are most willing to reach out and grab onto God. Yet, we can reach out and grab onto God, in any day and every day. We are a people of faith. Let us practice our Faith, so we can live our faith, for any and every day.

*O Lord we want to believe. We want to follow.
We want to live our faith. Help us, we pray. Amen.*

In the hope of Jesus Christ, both now and forever,
Pastor Robin



Fellowship Committee (formerly Congreg. Life)

The New Era Group

Open to anyone interested.... A social group with daytime gatherings for lunch/movies/presentations and other activities.

In February we met for lunch & movie AND hosted the Ash Wednesday Soup Supper!

Many THANK YOUS: to Rob, for setting up the movie, to Ann and Lorna, for all that you did to make the luncheon a success, to Perry for all of your assistance with the Lenten Supper prep, and to Barry for setting up the cords for the crock pots for the Lenten Supper!

Always open for someone (or a pair of someones) to come up with ideas.



Our next event is the
Pot Luck O' The Irish Luncheon
(after church) on March 19th.



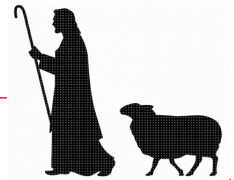
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Bill Kalbaugh	15	Maggie Jones
3	Mardon Fedder	16	Martha Gelgot
4	Ken Peterson	17	Connie Dowhower
5	Gwen Yordy		Donna Kuntz
6	Rev. Tom Jackman	20	Christine Nelson
7	Caroline Gelgot	22	Robin Gries
	Bruce Kurtz	23	Rosemary Birt
	Ann Ormond	24	Kristen Jones
9	Beckie Dreibelbis	25	Will Gelgot
10	Perry Latshaw	26	Jessica Heister
	John Reitz	27	Lee Samuelson
12	Amanda Moslander	28	Samantha Strock
14	David Overholt	30	Jamie (Yordy) Yocum



"We are only one piece in the puzzle of life with everyone's piece being different, but when the puzzle is done we are one tribe."
— Roland R. Kemler

"Dare to ask questions and seek answers to the puzzles of life."
— Lailah Gifty Akita



Hello, All,

I'd like to take a moment to share with you about the Followship Group I am in. Our members are Doug Lister, Katie Martel, Tim Peelen, Kim Briggs, Dave Overholt, and Donna Kuntz, and we meet twice a month on Mondays at 7pm. Our group has a set number of folks and we meet regularly on Monday evenings; yet, if we have to miss, we do. Grace abounds, which allows for flexibility!

I especially have enjoyed getting to know my Followship friends on a deeper level. While I have known them all for several years, the Icebreaker Questions that begin each session have allowed me to discover things about them that I never knew (like that Tim had to chop and haul wood to heat his house in up-state New York growing up—wow!). I have also appreciated reading Scripture together and picking it apart, chewing on it, digesting it like a good meal. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see and hear Scripture from different contexts and viewpoints, revealing the multi-faceted aspect inherent within it. This is both a challenge and a gift. For example, when each of us read Philippians 2 from our various Bibles, we discovered very different wording, resulting in very different layers of meaning. We realized that one version used the word “grasped” in verse 6, while another used the phrase “to be used to his own advantage,” and still another used “exploited”! We even discussed what our own synonym for this word might mean. It's tiny details like this that keep Bible reading fresh for me, as there's nothing like reading and sharing in community.

At our last meeting, Doug brought some of his homemade carrot cake to share. It was such a welcome surprise -- such a small thing—yet so meaningful. I would encourage other Followship groups to consider having simple snacks or even a meal when you can, as it is yet another way to connect with each other. Hospitality is an important theme in the entire Bible, whether it was Abraham offering food to secret angels, or Jesus sharing tables with sinners. And eating is fun! 😊

Finally, I have loved watching each of our members take a crack at facilitating the discussion. Since everyone is a leader, everyone gets to decide the pace of the session at some point. For example, when Doug led our discussion last week, he put the passage into context by reading what came *before it*, then what came *after it*. We all found this very useful. Just because Doug did it that way, however, doesn't mean it has to be done that way every time. The structure of each session allows for all types of freedom in how it's considered.

As I said in my sermon a few weeks ago, I believe strongly that Followship Groups are a critical part of getting us to where Ministry Architects—and the Holy Spirit—are leading us. Our mission goals state we are “Christ first.” We cannot follow Christ and keep him first if we don't know what the Bible says about him. We cannot follow if we don't know who we're following, and know him as more than just a nice fellow we talk about every week in church. In Followship, we are digging deep into who Jesus was/is, what his message was/is, and more importantly, how that changes our own behavior in response.

As Christians, we believe that God speaks to us in different ways. God is speaking through you in your daily life. *There is a Followship group that needs to hear your story, that needs to hear God through you.* Please consider joining a group or starting one yourself.

To take stock of where we are right now in our Christian Education, the Christian Ed committee will be hosting a gathering after church on Sunday May 7th, 2023 in Snyder Hall. The meeting will be short, but we will be pondering questions like: What has been your most meaningful Christian Education experience at St. Andrews (or elsewhere)? If you're not in a Follow-Ship group, would you be open to trying other new types of programs and activities to help you grow in your faith and be closer to God?

Please join us! In the Light of Christ, Rebecca Lister

Mission

MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR MARCH

Instant Brown Rice, Chicken Broth,
Brown Gravy

MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR APRIL

Deodorant, Soap for Face and Body,
Toilet Paper

MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR MAY

Low Sodium Soup, Canned Pineapple

***plastic jars or cans. No glass

Volunteers needed:

LCCM has a need for volunteers to help
with the homeless shelter.

To sign up and to find out other volunteer
opportunities that are available please
contact Lesvi Marrero
at Lesvi@lccm.us or call (717) 272-4400.

St. Andrews Relay for Life Team is back!

Date: May 19–20, 2023.

Time: 6:00PM – Noon;

Location: Cedar Crest High School

We will begin our fundraiser after Easter.

We will have our informational meeting in early spring along with sign up times to walk.

We would like to start building a team now, so if you are interested in joining our team for some
fun and great exercise while supporting a great cause please contact Lorraine Lowrie at
lowrie.lorraine1@gmail.com; Text/Call 717-222-0295



Congratulations to Roz Presby who was Installed as Vice-Moderator of Carlisle Presbytery on February 25th!

Roz serves as a transitional pastor at Faith Immanuel Church in Harrisburg since September 2022. She is also an Elder at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Lebanon. She completed Commissioned Lay Pastor training in 2010 and received a Master of Arts in Christian Leadership from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2019. Her initial training was in the legal field, and she works part-time for the Lebanon County Courts as a Child Support Hearing Officer. Roz and her late husband Nick Burkholder have two grown daughters. She enjoys making music (vocal, string bass, and hand bells), and all things outdoors.

Deacon Doings

"Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task". Acts 6:3 NSRV

The above verse is the birth of the Deacons in the bible. Some people were complaining that some widows were not being treated as well as some others. The Apostles were praying and serving in other ways and could not do everything themselves. The people appointed to be Deacons were to oversee the distribution of food to the widows. We are all here to minister to the people of St Andrews and help all grow in their faith. Please if you have any questions, or any concerns with which the Deacons can assist, please contact your deacon. If you are unsure of who your deacon is, please contact the church office or Deacon Moderator, Lorraine Lowrie.



FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

This Month

Dare I say it, Spring is right around the corner! With that in mind it is hard to not begin looking ahead to all of the activities we can enjoy outside. Summer is coming!

March 18th 11am-2pm St. Andrews will host Let's Play: Embracing the Work of Childhood for All Ages. This a community event and forum showcasing the value of parks in our community. Everyone is welcome and invited to come out for this event, that will feature fun for all ages.

Spring Retreat is quickly approaching! If you have not done so already mark you calendars for April 21st-23rd. Students in 6th-12th grade will have the opportunity to enjoy a weekend of worship and fun at Krislund.

I am in need of a few good Gardners. If you are interested in possible helping explore a new community connection through the love of gardening and creating a space for gardening please get in touch with me.



Kids Ring and Sing

3:30-4pm In Choir Room

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Ring and Sing is a music program for all kids! Maggie introduces kids of all ages to the joy of music together!

Epyc 4-6pm

Epyc is youth group for 6-12th grades in the youth center. We enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and food!

Mar 5th- Epyc

Mar 12th- Epyc

Mar 19th- Epyc

Mar 26th- Epyc

Apr 2nd- Epyc

Trailblazers

4-6pm

Trailblazers is youth group for 1st-5th grades in the living room. We enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and food!

Mar 5th- Trailblazers

Mar 12th- Trailblazers

Mar 19th- Trailblazers

Mar 26th- Trailblazers

Apr 2nd- Trailblazers

Rob Cochran

Director of Children and Youth Ministry

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For Our Children & Youth

Lent Scavenger Hunt

Embracing the joy of puzzles, mystery and searching, this Lent will be a scavenger hunt. As we journey through scripture in Lent, we will also be journeying in our community to find clues and solve puzzles. This journey is an invitation to us and the community to step out and see this county together.

How it works: Clues for the Scavenger hunt will be released at church every Sunday with the Last Clue of the scavenger hunt being released Palm Sunday. Completing the Scavenger hunt and handing in all the solved pieces will get you a chance to enter a drawing for several prizes. Kids will have the chance to get a special egg and treat for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th. Some of the clues will be puzzles to solve while others will require a little traveling and finding. But all will be a fun family friendly adventure for all!

****Use the next 2 pages to collect your clues & write down your answers!!****

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is right around the corner, and with it the community outreach of the Easter Egg Hunt. Last year we had an incredible and unexpected turn out. This year we are working to expand this outreach to the community. But this means we need you!

Here's what you can do:

Provide candy! We have 2000 Easter Eggs in need of goodies, below you will find a recommended candy list. ALL CANDY MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED, NO LOOSE CANDY SUCH AS JELLY BEANS.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| -Tootsie Rolls | -Nerds |
| -Individual mini sized candy bars | -Hershey Kisses |
| -Skittles/M&M's (Mini bags) | -Smarties |
| -Starburst | |

Volunteer! We need people to help hide eggs the morning of Easter, People to help with registration, kids, collecting Easter Eggs, and clean up. Please consider giving some of your time to join in the hunt by helping.

Pray! We continue to reach out and share that St. Andrews is a place for everyone. Pray for who you can invite, for those who come, and every effort as we reach out in big and small ways!



Call To Gardeners

Looking for Gardeners who may be interested in helping with a project at the church.
Please get in touch with Rob C.

LENT CLUES

Clues

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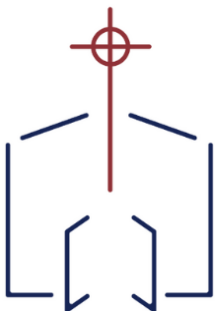
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Clues are given every Sunday
and can be found on
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
Facebook page.
Questions Call: 717-272-9933



LENT

SCAVENGER HUNT



1st Answer: _____



2nd Answer: _____



3rd Answer: _____



4th Answer: _____



5th Answer: _____



6th Answer: _____

Name: _____

Kids: _____

Email: _____

Phone : _____

Church Officers:

Session

2023

Carla Dowd (Fellowship)
 Karen Fedder (Fellowship)
 Rebecca Lister (Christian Ed)
 William Mulligan- (Clerk/Nominating)

2024

Frederick Jones (Mission)
 Stuart Juppenlatz (Stew. & Fin.)
 Kayla Lowrie (Christian Ed)
 Lewis Sauerwein (Worship)

2025

Karen Dielmann (Admin. & Pers.)
 David Overholt (Mission)
 Penny Samuelson (Worship)
 Doug Lister, (Pres. Trustees/Property)

Deacons

2023

Donna Kuntz
 Lorraine Lowrie
 Ann Ormond
 Kathy Wissinger
 Gwen Yordy

2024

Rosemary Birt
 John Butler
 Jean Ditzler
 Robert Kopp
 Sue Mechura

2025

Kathy Crager
 Lorna Everhart
 Mary Lynne Mulligan

Nominating Committee

Perry Latshaw,
 Diane Pomeroy,
 Lynn Phillips, Ken Tice

Church Staff:

Ministers	Members of St. Andrews
Pastor / Head of Staff.	Rev. Robin Morgan
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Richard L. Cassel
Organist.	Lisa Meyer
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries.	Robert Cochran
Coordinator of Music Ministries	Carole Haines
Contemporary Music Leader/Digital Media Spec.	Johnathan Shuey
Media Coordinator.	Lew Sauerwein
Treasurer	Marc Hamme
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Church Custodian	Daphne Hoke

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St. Andrews 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.**

Our 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.