

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

APRIL 2023



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Sunday, April 2nd 10AM
Palm/Passion Sunday

Receive the One Great Hour of Sharing
Offering

Matthew 21:1-11

Luke 23:1-49

Who is This?



Thursday, April 6th 7PM Maundy Thurs
Worship & Communion

Friday, April 7th 7PM Good Friday
Tenebrae: a service of Shadows

Sunday, April 9th 10AM Easter

Isaiah 25:6-9

Luke 24:1-12

Processing the Good News



April 16th – Holy Humor

Genesis 18:1-15

2 Peter 3:8-13

It's All About The Timing, Rob Cochran Preaching

April 23rd

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

Revealing God to One Another

April 30th

Psalm 16

John 20:19-31

Is Seeing Believing?

Discipleship Summit

May 7th 11AM is the St. Andrews Discipleship Summit!

Here at St. Andrews we are moving forward together! Last June, at the Vision Summit we set a Mission Statement to lead us forward. *“Inspired by the love of Christ, we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other.”* To live into this together, we need to grow in our relationship with God, both together and as individuals.

Growing in relationship with God and growing in faith is all about discipleship. We need you to come be a part of this important conversation, to help us keep moving forward. Anthony and Aqueelah from Ministry Architects will be here to lead us. We will have a simple lunch in Snyder Hall and dive into this conversation with open minds, heart and souls.

Please sign up in the Gathering Area or RSVP through the church office.

Sacrament Learning Labs

What is a sacrament?
Why do we baptize people? What does that mean?
How is communion ‘Christ’s table’?
What is the significance of eating the piece of bread, and drinking the little cup of juice?

So many questions, so many wonderful things to explore, as we consider the gifts of God that are for us, for all of us!



Children, 5 years and up (with a supportive adult*) are invited to join Pastor Robin to learn all about the sacraments. The Sacrament Learning Labs will be after church, beginning around 11:15 with a light lunch.

April 16th at 11:15AM will be all about Baptism.
April 23rd at 11:15 AM will be all about Communion.

Please sign up in the Gathering Area. Or RSVP through the church office.

If children under 5 years are interested, please talk to Pastor Robin.

*A supportive adult could be a parent, grandparent, aunt, other relative, or care-giver

The Sacraments are gifts of God, for all the people of God. Let the children, youth, even adults, come and grasp the great gifts of God, that Jesus gives to all of us.

A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

As we move into the season of Easter, I find I am needing to hold onto a few truths from God. Maybe you are too.

Scripture tells us truths, we need to hear from God, and they are for all of us.

'Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone and the new is come' -2 Corinthians 5:17

A new creation. We don't always feel this way, do we? Life can weigh us down. The reality of our mortal bodies (which are less and less new) make this seem like a pipe dream. And yet, God is the one who formed us, and who re-forms us in Christ. God is the one who knows us, and new life can be discovered when *we live into who God is forming us to be*. This could be finding a new source of purpose of joy, in any season of life. Maybe it can even be found, in my grey hairs, that I am embracing after hiding for so many years. What if, every morning, this was our first thought?

'Nothing can separate us from the Love of God, in Christ Jesus' - Romans 8:39.

We need this truth, because the world, the busyness of life, and even our own mind try to tell us this love is conditional, and maybe we don't deserve it – or they don't deserve it. And while we don't deserve it, *God's love is for us, without conditions*. Why do we forget this? What if, every night, this was our last thought.

'Jesus said; I am the resurrection and the life!' -John 11:25

We hear this word, from Jesus himself as he nears the tomb of his dear friend Lazarus. As Lazarus comes out, we discover that death is not final. And then comes Easter! Jesus, is truly the resurrection and the life – and he re-defines life, even now. When we feel like we are not enough; when we are not as good or as useful as we think we should be; when we have lost our sense of what life is really all about; Jesus is there always ready to lead us to truth, to life that always lifts us up.

April gives us spring; flowers bring forth beauty and color, temperatures bid us to come outside, and Easter. Easter reminds us of God's truth, that is the good news we need, in every single day. May this season, bid you to come near to Jesus, who shows us the way to fullness of life, embracing all God has made us to be, and is remaking us to be. For some reason this is hard for us to grasp and to accept, and yet, because of the grace we have from God, *we can always start again*. Maybe now is the time to start again, to live into the call of Jesus, that echoes in the season of Spring, *and try something new*. Because of Jesus, let us live in a new way, every day.

I am with you, in Christ. And I too need these truths of God, to be ev-
before me, drowning out the words of the world that get trapped in my
head. Let us lift one another up! Let us know the hope of Christ, and
share it! **This Easter let us remember the news is good.**

In the Joy of the Lord,



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Supporting Our Children & Youth

Easter Egg Hunt Sun. Apr 9—right after worship!

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:

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!

Let's Play Day –March 18th—recap

A beautiful, sunny day helped St. Andrews welcome our community and shine the love of Christ to our neighbors! We had a wonderful turn-out and lots of fun activities. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped all feel welcome in this space!



Upcoming Schedule

April 9 (Easter Sunday) the youth Sunday School classes will not meet.

May 14 will be Youth Sunday / Graduate recognition.

May 21 will be the last Sunday School and last Sunday Youth meeting

Spark Park Summer Days will be starting soon—Let Rob know if you can help!

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.



FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Some Holy Humor

Who knew the most people in the Bible? (Answer Below)

This Month

The rain showers have begun. Yet just around the corner is the full bloom of spring. With Season changes brings the plans of life that will fill the season.

April 28th-30 is Spring Retreat! Scan the QR code below, if you have not done so already, you still have a little time to register. Students in 6th-12th grade will have the opportunity to enjoy a weekend of worship and fun at Krislund.

Looking for a few good jokes! Give me your best Dad Joke, Worst Puns, Holiest Humor! I am looking to use a few of the best jokes on Sunday April 16th, So give me your best and see if it makes the cut!

I am in need of a few good gardeners. If you are interested in possibly 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

April 16, 23, 30

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!

Apr 2nd- Epyc

Apr 9th- Easter No Epyc

Apr 16th- Epyc

Apr 23rd- Epyc

Apr 30th- No 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!

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Apr 9th- Easter No Trailblazers

Apr 16th- Trailblazers

Apr 23rd- Trailblazers

Apr 30th- Trailblazers

Rob Cochran

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Answer: Abraham knew a Lot

Fellowship Committee



March 19th was our 'Luck O' the Irish' Pot Luck luncheon after church.
Many thanks to all who helped—it was a great time!

Coming up:

April 9th - Easter Coffee Hour - hopefully outside on porch!!

May 14th - Coffee Hour: Mothers Day, Graduate Recognition Day and Youth Sunday.

June 18th - Father's Day and the All Church Barbecue Picnic.



The New Era Group

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

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



April 27th Reservations are made—
Please Join Us!

11:30AM – Lunch at Soprano's in Campbelltown
(self pay)

1:30PM – Hershey Gardens and Butterfly House
(\$14.50 per person - group rate.)

*(One person will collect and pay for all entrants
when we arrive.)*

Everything at the gardens is handicapped accessible.

Signup in The Gathering Area to let us know if
you're coming so we can give accurate numbers
to the venues.

Questions: Ask Carla Dowd or Karen Fedder

Mark your calendars for these events:

June 8th - Private narrated barge tour of the Union Canal, lunch at Heisey's Diner

July 13th - Mt. Gretna theater: "Gypsy", matinee at 2PM, lunch at Porch & Pantry

@ ST. ANDREWS



I am lucky enough to be part of a fellowship class that takes place every other Sunday evening for 90 minutes.

We have different leaders and snacks are provided by the class leader. The ice breaker questions help us get to know each other in a more casual way.

The scriptures help us to understand the Bible and hopefully to understand God more.

I like listening to other peoples perceptions on the lesson of the day. it's informative and enlightening and I enjoy the meetings a lot.

Thank you!

Annette

PS...A big thank you to the Reilly's for hosting us



2	Henry Overholt	20	Judy Borger
3	Veronica Juppenlatz	23	Joy Eubanks
5	Elizabeth Burkholder		Kristen Heister
	Susannah Heister		Jessica Goetze
7	Bill Mulligan	26	Charles Jones
8	Fred Jones		Pat Yates
9	Benjamin Sensenig		Rob Cochran
16	Emma Heister	27	Wanda Bechtold
17	Barbara Shreve	28	Scott Shreve
	Howard Hockenbury	29	Beth Hamme
19	Brennan Mulligan	30	Bill Birt

Mission Committee News

MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR APRIL

Deodorant, Soap for Face and Body, Toilet Paper

***plastic jars or cans.
No glass

MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR MAY
Low Sodium Soup, Canned Pineapple



 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the February Spotlight items. We were able to deliver 120 pounds of packaged pasta, pasta sauce and tomato sauce to LCCM. Looking ahead to April's spotlight, we will be collecting deodorant, bar soap for face & body, and toilet paper. Bins for these items are located in the Narthex. Remember that items are also needed for the free little pantry. Non-perishable food items and toiletries are always needed. You may put them in the pantry yourself, or deposit them in the box across from the Christian Ed. Office.

On Palm Sunday, April 2, we will be collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of All Peoples program. All these programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. If you took a fish box at the start of Lent, this is the Sunday you want to bring it back. There are also envelopes in the pews if you would like to write a check.

One of the other missions of SAPC is the Free Noon Meal, held on the second Saturday of each month, at St. Andrews. We will be looking for volunteers to help work at the meal on Saturday, May 13. After Easter there will be a sign-up sheet in the gathering area if you would be able to help.

1 Peter 4:10: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."*

St. Andrews Relay for Life Team is back!

Date: May 19–20, 2023. Time: 6:00PM – Noon; Location: Cedar Crest High School

There is a sign up sheet for those who are interested in the gathering area.

We will begin our fundraiser after Easter.

We will have **two informational meetings on Sunday April 16, 2023:**

First one, at 11:15 in the library. Second one, at 3:30 in the Chapel.

If you can't make one of the meetings, but still want to participate, call Lorraine Lowrie at 717-222-0295.

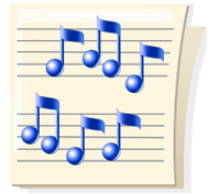
Deacon Doings

Deacons will serve the Free Noon Meal on Sat. April 8th.

Deacons are working on organizing a group of designated 'Welcome People'-Shepherds to help connect with both visitors and those who haven't attended in a while.

We continue to pray for all of you, and we ask that you let your Deacon know what joys we can give thanks for, and what concerns we can help with and pray for.

Music Notes



Susquehanna Valley Handbell Festival

Sponsored by
Hershey Handbell Ensemble

Sandra Eithun, Guest Conductor

April 1, 2023

St. Joseph School
420 East Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA

Public Concert at 4:00 PM
\$5 donation suggested

For additional information:
www.SusquehannaValleyHandbellFestival.org



Four of our St. Andrews flock (Katie Martel, Rita Solie, Maggie Beatty and Mary Lynne Mulligan) will be participating in this all-day festival, ending with the Public Concert at 4PM. You are all invited to attend!

Central Pennsylvania's acclaimed Hershey Handbell Ensemble will host the inaugural "Susquehanna Valley Handbell Festival" to be held at the St. Joseph School, 420 East Simpson Street in Mechanicsburg on Saturday, **April 1, 2023**. Under the direction of Guest Conductor Sandra Eithun, the concert will feature 15 bell choirs from eight counties throughout central Pennsylvania. The Hershey Handbell Ensemble is continuing the tradition of the Nittany Valley Handbell Festival which ended after a 26-year run. The 4 PM concert is open to the public with a suggested donation of \$5.00.

Ms. Eithun currently leads the handbell program at Holy Family Conservatory of Music in Manitowoc, Wisconsin and has over 600 pieces published for handbells. She previously directed the Silver Lake College Handbell Ensemble and served as Director of Music Ministry at First Congregational United Church of Christ in New London, Wisconsin from 1992-2021. Ms. Eithun frequently serves as a clinician and conductor for numerous handbell festivals throughout the United States.

For additional information contact the ensemble at 717-298-7071 or info@hersheyhandbellensemble.org.

Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 in the Chapel.

Pastor Robin opened the meeting with devotions and prayer. The consent agenda and minutes from the February meeting were approved. The following committee reports were submitted:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Robin led a discussion regarding progress toward the three goals adopted by SAPC. Each committee chair reflected on which specific goals apply best to their committee's mission, and how to meet those goals. The group also discussed the benefits and challenges of the new streamlined committee meeting night format.

Deacons: Lorna Everhart was the deacon representative at the Session meeting. She discussed plans for additional follow-up with guests.

Property Report: There will be new door codes for May, with previous codes expiring in June.

Presbytery: St. Andrews' own Roz Presby now serves as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery; the Session prays for Roz as she serves in this capacity. In other Presbytery news, there will be a special meeting (via Zoom) on April 18th from 6:30-9:30 PM to discuss amendments for the General Assembly.

Worship: Anyone interested in serving as a liturgist should contact a member of Worship; your assistance is much appreciated. A new Concert Committee has formed and been approved by Worship.

Christian Education: A Christian Education Summit will be held after service on May 7th; Ministry Architects will be here for the event; everyone is invited to attend. Other CE news includes a planned Youth Retreat at Camp Krislund from April 28-30.

Fellowship: There are additional New Era events planned for this spring and summer; please check the Gathering Area for sign-up information. Thank you to all who prepared food for and attended the Pot Luck O' The Irish Luncheon.

All committees are assessing any necessary policy manual revisions, as well as transitioning into new leadership roles within committees. The new committee chairs are grateful for the guidance and contributions of prior leadership; such help makes the transition much easier.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Karen Fedder. The next meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 7 PM.

Session Notes respectfully submitted by Karen Fedder.

Property Committee (formerly Trustees)

While the name is different, the business of the Property Committee is still the same: to keep all systems of the church up and running smoothly. While there are many projects going on behind the scenes, there is one in particular that will affect each member of the congregation.

On May 1, the back door entry codes for staff and congregation will change. Everyone will be notified of their respective code and, for one month, both new codes and old codes will be in effect (in case you forget the new code). After June 1, however, the old codes will no longer work and only the new codes will open the door.

I hope the inconvenience will only be temporary.
Doug Lister, Chair



Church Officers:

<u>Session</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
2023		2023
Carla Dowd (Fellowship)		Donna Kuntz
Karen Fedder (Fellowship)		Lorraine Lowrie
Rebecca Lister (Christian Ed)		Ann Ormond
William Mulligan- (Clerk/Nominating)	Perry Latshaw,	Kathy Wissinger
2024	Diane Pomeroy,	Gwen Yordy
Frederick Jones (Mission)	Lynn Phillips, Ken Tice	2024
Stuart Juppenlatz (Stew. & Fin.)		Rosemary Birt
Kayla Lowrie (Christian Ed)		John Butler
Lewis Sauerwein (Worship)		Jean Ditzler
2025		Robert Kopp
Karen Dielmann (Admin. & Pers.)		Sue Mechura
David Overholt (Mission)		2025
Penny Samuelson (Worship)		Kathy Crager
Doug Lister, (Pres. Trustees/Property)		Lorna Everhart
		Mary Lynne Mulligan

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
Office Manager	Mary Lynne Mulligan
Church Custodian	Daphne Hoke

The church office is open from 9AM—5PM, Monday through Friday.
 If you should have an emergency when the office isn’t open,
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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.

