

# ST. ANDREWS HERALD

The Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

MAY 2023



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## May 7<sup>th</sup> Communion

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

John 14:1-14

*Finding Our Way*

## May 14<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday

Genesis 21:1-7

Luke 1:39-56

*Thanks Mom*

## May 21<sup>st</sup>

Ephesians 1:15-23

Acts 1:1-11

*Re-directed*

## May 28<sup>th</sup>

Pentecost!

Genesis 1:1-5

Acts 2:1-21

*Changing Winds*



## WOW Wednesday Outdoor Worship

St. Andrews is again offering an additional worship service this summer on Wednesday evenings. Beginning on **Wednesday, June 14 through Aug 30,**

**the Wednesday Outdoor Worship will be held at 7pm** on the lawn of the church.

This family- oriented service will be held on Wednesday evenings..

Please **bring a lawn chair.** All are welcome to join us as we worship and praise our God.



## Discipleship Summit

**May 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Will be wrapped up by about 1:30PM

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

## *Something New For Communion*

We live in a faith tradition that is *‘reforming always reforming!’* In March, the Presbytery of Carlisle (our regional church connection) had an opportunity to train elders to serve communion, when appropriate. The Session (or board of elders) at St. Andrews, sent 6 elders to this training. The training was led by the Rev. Kristal Smith, who now helps lead the Presbytery, and our own Roz Presby! Several elders shared how interesting the training was. I heard from one elder, now meaningful it was to hear about the history and theology of communion. All six elders from St. Andrews completed the training and are now certified to serve communion here at St. Andrews. The elders are: Karen Dielmann, Fred Jones, Stuart Juppenlatz, Bill Mulligan, Penny Samuelson, and Lew Sauerwein.

This opens up the possibility of having communion at summer outdoor services, or even in regular worship if I am away or become suddenly ill. I am also looking forward to having these elders, with me at Christ’s table as we offer the gifts of God to all the people of God.

It is a joy to serve the Lord together!

We will be doing a COMBINED June-July Herald. If you have articles to submit, please do that by **May 25th**. Thank you!

## A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

Welcome to the Month of May! I love the month of May. It is a month to revel in the beauty of spring, shedding our jackets and scarves, hats and warm socks for sandals and short sleeves as we transition our clothing (and try to remember what we wear in the warmer seasons). It is a month full of graduations, 'end of the year' concerts, awards banquets, and Eastertide. So often, May feels like a month of celebrations! These wonderful celebrations often indicate transitions. Transitions such as finishing one year of school, or one chapter of life and looking to the next.

It is also a month where we celebrate Easter. We so often talk about the 12 days of Christmas, but sometimes we overlook our 50 days of Eastertide! We are in a season to celebrate Jesus' triumph over death, to claim and celebrate new life, to transition to a new understanding of life.

In the middle of the Easter season, I try to keep the later Easter stories before me. Not just Easter morning, but the stories of the resurrected Jesus meeting the disciples and believers.

One of my favorites is the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) where Jesus walks with two who are pondering the cross and the empty tomb. They walk and talk together, sharing faith and questions. As they sit together and break bread they recognize Jesus, alive and with them! My other favorite is John 21:1-15 as the disciples go night fishing and catch nothing. Jesus is there on the shore, calling to them to try something new – to throw their nets to the other side – and they bring in a huge catch. But more they are called again, by Jesus. But this time by the resurrected Jesus who calls them to follow in a new way, to live and serve in a new way, a way of love.

In this season, we will gather to look at how we might follow Christ anew. Specifically, how in the season ahead of us, we can learn to be his disciples, right where we are, in whatever season of life we find ourselves. Discipleship is a life-long endeavor and something we do together. Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a **Discipleship Summit** after worship in Snyder Hall. Please come and be a part of this important discussion, to consider discipleship at every age and for every age. Together may we walk with Jesus, abiding with him and learning to live our faith, maybe even in new ways.

Through this month, as you take a walk, may you remember the Road to Emmaus, and consider questions of faith, and even find moments to share faith. May you also try something new – following a prompting of the Holy Spirit. The month will end with Pentecost and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit.

May God bless you and lead you in this season of celebration and this season of transition.

In the Joy of the LORD,

*Pastor Robin*

# Supporting Our Children & Youth

## Volunteers Needed

We Need YOU! Are you interested in helping this summer with Spark Park? Would you like to help make a joyful noise with music? Would you like to participate in the growing outreach and connection that happens right here in our backyard at the church! Talk with Rob about continued opportunities to partner with Christian Education and the youth ministries of St. Andrews.

FUN & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

# ... Spark ... Park

**Summer of 2023**  
Starts June 20, 2023

Every Tuesday at 10-11am and  
Thursday at 5-6pm

Summer Fun | Water Days | Events and Activities  
Games | And So Much More!



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# FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

## This Month

Summer is right around the corner! Which means that we are looking at wrapping the 2022/23 school year of youth ministry. What an exciting year it has been!

While summer is so close and offers a great deal of fun we have plenty planned to finish out the school year.

May 13th 10:30am-2pm Epyc has the opportunity to help and serve our community with Free Noon Meal. We will serve the meal here at St. Andrews

May 14th is Youth Sunday! Come out to service and celebrate Mothers day, our Seniors and the students leading worship.

May 21st Dinner makers Dinner! Did you make dinner for Epyc and Trailblazers this year? Come join us for Dinner at 5:30pm as the students will make dinner as a Thank You!



## Kids Ring and Sing

May 7: 3:30-4pm In Choir Room

May 14: Play in church,

May 21: End of Year Celebration

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!

May 7th- Epyc

May 14th- Youth Sunday

Mar 21th- 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!

May 7th- Trailblazers

May 14th- Youth Sunday

Mar 21th- Trailblazers

## Rob Cochran

Director of Children and Youth Ministry

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## Fellowship Committee

April 9th was our Easter Coffee hour outside after church.

**Many thanks** to all who helped—GREAT to see everyone—and what a beautiful day!

Coming up:

**May 14th** - Coffee Hour: Mothers Day, Graduate Recognition Day and Youth Sunday.  
Come and enjoy Ice Cream Cake!!

**June 18th** - Father's Day and the All Church Barbecue Picnic.  
Join us for a picnic on Sunday, June 18th right after worship (outside, if the weather is good).

We're planning to have pot luck sides and desserts...and games!

### Welcome Interested Walkers

Join us this summer as we are planning to meet on Tuesdays at 8:00AM  
for a walk "at a casual pace" around South Hills Park.

*We are also thinking that our group could enjoy breakfasts together afterwards... restaurant options to be determined by the group ☺.*



Please meet us at the parking lot near the Wilhelm Ave. and Lincoln Ave. intersection.  
Our starting date is Tuesday, June 20th. Hope to see you there!



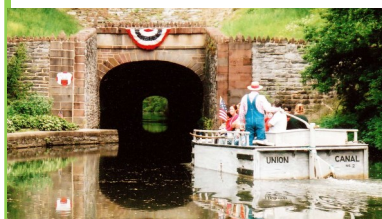
### The New Era Group

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.

### Mark your calendars for these events:

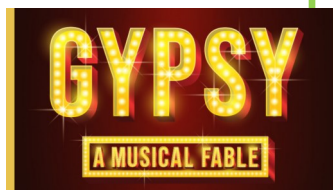
**June 8th 11AM**, tour at the Union Canal Tunnel Park  
Cost is \$10 per person. The maximum occupancy is #20.  
After the tour at about 12:30PM, we'll meet at the Hearth on Cumberland St. for lunch. The lunch is self-pay.  
**Please RSVP by June 4th.**



**This is an informative, historical tour riding on a canal boat. We'll learn about the origin of the Union Canal and how it was made and used.**

**July 13th 12:00PM** - Porch and Pantry - lunch is self-pay  
2:00PM, "Gypsy" a musical at the Gretna Playhouse  
Cost is \$39 per person.

**Please RSVP by May 7th** (Changed due to fast ticket sales)



**Gypsy is the unforgettable tale of an ambitious mother's fight for her daughter's success, as well as her own!**

*Celebrating*  
**MAY**  
*Birthdays*

2	Anna (Panka) Peelen	17	Lee Moyer
3	Kathy Wissinger	20	Jean Gigler
4	Madeleine Overholt		Julie Ogurcak
	Lindsay Burkholder	26	Avery Dowd
	Astrid Santiago		Randy Kreiser
	Ember Lowrie	27	Valerie Chevalier
6	Ted Etter		Matthew Peelen
	Pat Bender	28	Marianne Kopp
9	Sheri Timm		Artemus Tuisl
12	Kayla Lowrie		

From Three Poems for Spring by Jane Tyson Clement

**Prayer**

Oh, break the chrysalis of doubt,  
 plow up the clods of thick despair,  
 and split the buds of ignorance,  
 and cleanse the winter-heavy air!  
 Create a tumult in our hearts,  
 drive us to seek what we have lost,  
 until the flame of faith again  
 has seared us with thy Pentecost!



**A Prayer in Spring**

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;  
 And give us not to think so far away  
 As the uncertain harvest; keep us here  
 All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,  
 Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;  
 And make us happy in the happy bees,  
 That swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird  
 That suddenly above the bees is heard;  
 The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,  
 And off a blossom in mid-air stands still.

For this is love, and nothing else is love,  
 The which it is reserved for God above  
 To sanctify to what ends He will,  
 But which it only needs that we fulfill.

*Robert Frost*

## Mission Committee News

### MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR MAY

Canned Low-Sodium Ready-to-serve Soup and Canned Pineapple

\*\*\*plastic jars or cans.

No glass



The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the March Spotlight. We delivered 87 lbs. of food to Lebanon County Christian Ministries!

One of the other missions of SAPC is the **Free Noon Meal**, held on the second Saturday of each month, at St. Andrews. On Saturday, May 13 the Youth Group will be leading.

**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 American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team

We will be walking from 6:00pm on Friday, May 19 through Noon on Saturday, May 20.

Location: Cedar Crest High School

We could use a few more walkers. We are asking that you walk for 1 hour.

We especially need walkers from 10:00AM till noon on Sat May 20. If interested please call Lorraine Lowrie at 717-274-3011.

We will also have a table in the gathering area on Sunday morning, May 7 for anyone who would like to donate to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. You can also donate on line by going to the Lebanon, PA Relay for Life site and search for St Andrews Presbyterian Church. Thank you.

## From the Deacons

From Romans 12: For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: ...ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ...the giver, in generosity; ...the compassionate, in cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers...<sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

*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



Four of our St. Andrews flock, Katie Martel, Rita Solie, Maggie Beatty and Mary Lynne Mulligan, participated, along with 14 other bell choirs from eight counties throughout central PA, in the Susquehanna Valley Handbell Festival, held at the St. Joseph School, in Mechanicsburg on Saturday, April 1st, directed by Guest Conductor Sandra Eithun.



We packed up everything: tables, music, chimes, mallets, table pads, covers...oh, and the handbells!!



Here we are at the festival!



### May Violin Recital

Ashley Butters' Violin Studio will once again hold a recital here at St. Andrews, the evening of May 12th. All are welcome to attend!

*My violin students are busily memorizing their solos and rehearsing the ensemble pieces for our Spring Recital.*

*Thanks again for your gracious hospitality in opening your lovely sanctuary to these aspiring young musicians.*

*Blessings,  
Ashley Butters*



## Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00 in the Chapel. Pastor Robin opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer. The consent agenda and minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Highlights from the various committee reports include:

The deacons have been making plans for additional follow-up for visitors by creating welcome bags. Other ideas are to directly invite visitors to upcoming events and make connections to a deacon or other at-large member.

Door codes will change as of May 1. An announcement will be made during the service regarding how to obtain the new code.

A reminder from the Presbytery regarding upcoming Zoom meeting on April 18 to discuss Amendments for the General Assembly. Also, the in-person meeting on May 2 will be a pot-luck dinner and worship service.

An online Worship Registry has been created for those who watch the streaming service live on Sunday mornings.

A Christian Education Discipleship Summit will be held after the service on May 7. Ministry Architects will be there for the event and everyone is invited to attend. A second paid nursery worker position was approved and an ad has been created.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Rebecca Lister.

The next meeting of the Session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m.

## Property Committee (formerly Trustees)

A reminder from the Property Committee that a new door code will be available on May 1. Because we can't publicly broadcast the new code, you will be told during the April 30th service how to obtain the new code. After that date you can always contact the church office.

Codes for users/groups outside of the church membership will remain the same.

Doug Lister, Chair



## 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

#### **2024**

Gwen Yordy  
 Rosemary Birt  
 John Butler  
 Jean Ditzler

#### **2025**

Robert Kopp  
 Sue Mechura  
 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
Office Manager . . . . .	Mary Lynne Mulligan
Church Custodian . . . . .	Daphne Hoke

Slight Change in Church Office Hours if the way be clear,  
 pending Session approval on May 2nd:  
 9AM—4PM, Monday–Thursday, and 9AM—Noon, Friday.  
 If you should have an emergency when the office isn't open,  
 please leave a voicemail for Pastor Robin  
 or email her at [pastor@standrewslebanon.org](mailto:pastor@standrewslebanon.org).

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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.

