

ST. ANDREWS HERALD

Newsletter of
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

OCTOBER 2023



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Oct-Nov 2023 Worship

Growing in Faith Together

October 1—World Communion

Luke 24:13-35 & Acts 8:25-39

Word & Sacrament

October 8

Exodus 3:10-15

Selections from John

(Jesus' I AM statements)

Grow, Little by Little

Rob Cochran preaching



October 15

Matthew 16:13-23

Mark 14:66-72

John 21:15-19

Imperfect People of God

October 22—St. Andrews Day

John 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Family of Faith



October 29—Stewardship Sunday

Genesis 28:10-22

Matthew 9:35-38

Harvest of Hope



November 5—All Saints' Sunday

Serving in Christ

November 12

November 19

November 26

December 3—Advent begins!

St. Andrews Day

on **Sunday, October 22.**

We honor our 50-year members during worship as 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.

All of this is followed by our **Baked Potato Luncheon!**

Bring a topping!

It is a day of celebration—we hope you will join us!

A Note from Pastor Robin

Dear Beloved People of God,

I have been thinking lately about one particular flight I took from New Jersey to California. I was re-routed at the last minute and ran to my new gate, barely making the plane. I quickly walked through the narrow aisle, with people already seated and ready to go. I stowed my things and sat down as seamlessly as possible. And then, finally settled, I looked around. And in the row behind me, just across the aisle, was a classmate. We knew each other, not well, but enough to switch seats and sit together.

That 5-hour flight gave us time to slow down. To talk and to ask bigger questions about relationships, about how we connected to God and about possibilities we could see for the future. It also gave us time to just sit there together, not needing to talk but sharing the journey. We got off the plane and headed in different directions, but we were no longer just acquaintances, we were fellow travelers journeying through this life of faith and questions.

This Fall, I am hoping that we slow down. I know, Fall is when things ramp up and life fills us and before we blink it is Christmas. You may think I am crazy, and yet, this is my hope. As the days get shorter, what if we linger in every moment of the day and then welcome the evening as we ponder the wonder of God. This is my hope, for we are seeking to live into the great commission Jesus has given us. *This is to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them, and learning to obey all Jesus taught us.* (Matthew 28:18-20). The discipleship pillars (or guiding lights) to Know God's Word, to Grow in Faith Together and to Serve in Christ, are formed to help us as we are on this journey of discipleship together. It means not just filling our calendar with stuff, but intentionally carving a path through time that is meaningful, that connects us to God, that puts us right behind Christ, and where we have time to sit and be together becoming fellow travelers.

What if we linger in our time together? I encourage you, to come on Sundays at 9AM, as the children go to Sunday School, sit with fellow travelers in the Sunday School Series class, stay after worship and study the Psalms, or sit in the Gathering Area and make deeper connections where you might ask: *How do you connect to God's Word? Or How do you abide in Christ on a busy day?* Come on St. Andrews Day and enjoy the potatoes for lunch and then grab a cookie and sit with someone who seems open to a deeper conversation.

This month is full with Pumpkin Carving (David Overholt is teaching again, so this is your chance make a pumpkin masterpiece!). It is full with St. Andrews Day, Trunk-or-Treat, and Stewardship. Let's not rush through them but expand our time with each to deepen our understanding of being in a family of faith, to offer blessing upon blessing to our neighbors (even in costume), and to allow God to change the landscape of our lives together, and as individuals.

As we go, remember Jesus words; *"I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:20.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Robin

New Members Class October 15th 11:15AM



It has been a blessing to have new faces in worship. If you have been visiting, and would like to learn more or ask a few questions, you are invited to lunch and a conversation with Pastor Robin and some of the Deacons.

At the gathering, we will share some of our stories, talk about what it means to be Presbyterian, take a walk through the building, and consider if and how you might fit in at St. Andrews.

God is the one who brings us together. All are welcome, always. But, if you know this is your church home, come and become a member.

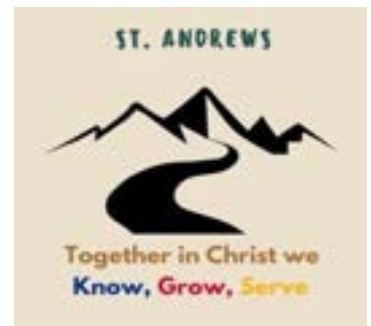
Please **RSVP to the church office by October 10th**, so that we can prepare the food!
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Inspired by the love of Christ we are building a community that invites our neighbors into a relationship with God and each other. Our Mission Together



2023 Sunday School at St. Andrews

*A new year of Sunday School has arrived!
Where might God lead you?*



9AM Sunday School for All Ages

Pre-K-2nd Grade (Room 1) with Karen Fedder

This class will look at bible stories through engaging activities of play and creation.

3rd-5th Grade (Room 4) with Melynda Cochran

Studying basic tenants of faith with scripture as the means of understanding how we belong.

6th-8th Grade and Confirmation (Room 7) with Tim Peelen

Looking at the core principles of the church and the value of the bible, prayer, faith, and community.

High School (Youth Room) with Rob Cochran

Will work on incorporating faith and life while navigating the demands of culture.

Adult Sunday School Series Class (Chapel) with various teachers

September – October: Beckie Dreibelbis and Cliffy Shiner will lead a class that focuses on Hymns of our faith.



11AM Adult Psalms Study

In the chapel with Rick Borger, leading a continued study through the book of Psalms. Looking at the poetry and author's intentions in writing while exploring the praise of and cries to God.

Supporting Our Children & Youth

TRUNK OR TREAT!

October 31st 6-8pm. Believe it or not, Trunk or Treat and Trick or Treat are on Halloween this year! Which is great that we will all get to come together and bring light and life into the night. Our Trunk or Treat has become a yearly light to the community and a known safe place for families and kids to come and trick or treat.

As we prepare for this year of continuing our ministry together I want to share some details:

First- Please sign up to be a Trunk in the event. This is a fun evening of creativity and connection. To help with this there is a theme for the evening of Fun Spooky Movies. Brush off that copy of your favorite childhood Halloween movie and have fun with the creativity!

Second– October 28th 1-4pm is an opportunity to learn how to carve pumpkins with Dr. Overholt. This is a great opportunity to learn new techniques and improve on your pumpkin carving. This will be followed by a chance for students to win Best Pumpkin at Trunk or Treat as voted on that night.



Music is one of the fairest and most glorious gifts of God. (Martin Luther)



This fall the youth of our church have an opportunity to continue the excitement we started at music camp in July. **Sundays at 3:30 – 4 pm,** we will gather to sing, play bells and chimes, ukuleles, autoharps, and boom-whackers. Being a part of kids' choir is like being part of an extended family. A special bond is created when we make music together. Even more exciting is we get to share our love of God in worship.

All youth, first grade and older, are invited to join us on Sundays at 3:30, and participate in Trailblazers and EPYC at 4 pm. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call Maggie Beatty at (717) 304-2379 or email me at memab3@comcast.net.

Story Time With St. Nick

I know... I just said a Christmas thing and it is early October! In my defense, October 1st marks 85 days until Christmas.

I am looking for a team of people to help plan and run Story Time with St. Nick.

If you are interested in this please let Rob know by October 22nd.





FOR OUR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Why did hawk sit on church steeples? (Answer Below)

Upcoming...

Hopefully everyone has fallen into a routine for the school year! It has been great hearing the joys and challenges from the students on the start of school. Please pray for the students this year and the challenges that they will face.

October 31st 6-8pm Trunk or Treat! That's right, this year Trunk or Treat is on Halloween night. The Trunk or Treat team has also come up with a great theme this year, **Fun Spooky Movies!** So dust off that copy of Casper, the Addams Family, and the Munsters, and join us!

On top of Trunk or Treat families and youth will venture out to pick pumpkins on Sunday, **October 22nd 4-6pm** at the Corn Maze and Pumpkin picking at Seyferts. Followed the next weekend by Pumpkin Carving with Dr. Overholt on Saturday **October 28th 1-4pm.**

Again this year we will also have a judged competition for the Students for best Pumpkin Carving at Trunk or Treat. Bring those finished masterpieces to Trunk or Treat by 5:30pm to enter!



Kids Ring and Sing

Sundays at 3:30pm in Choir Room

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

Epyc Sundays 4-6pm

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

Oct 1st- Epyc

Oct 8th- Epyc

Oct 15th- Epyc

Oct 22nd- Corn Maze

Oct 29th- Epyc

Trailblazers

Sundays 4-6pm

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

Oct 1st- Trailblazers

Oct 8th- Trailblazers

Oct 15th- Trailblazers

Oct 22nd- Corn Maze

Oct 29th-Trailblazers

Rob Cochran

Director of Children and Youth Ministry
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Answer: He was a bird of pray!

Weekly Schedule at St. Andrews—Fall '23

Sunday	9AM Sunday School (Youth and Adult) 10AM Worship 11AM Coffee Hour/Fellowship Time 11:15AM Adult Sunday School on Psalms 3:30PM Youth Ring & Sing 4-6PM Trailblazers & EPYC
Monday	2nd Mon: 7PM Committee Night (Worship, Admin & Personnel) 4th Mon: 7PM Compassionate Friends in the Living Rm.
Tuesday	9AM Sew and Sew ladies in Youth Center 1:30PM Band Together in Rm 8 AND SAPC Staff Mtg. 1st Tues: 7PM Session 2nd Tues: 6PM Knitting Guild in the Gathering Area 7PM Phil. Ed. Org. in Snyder Hall (thru Nov) 3rd Tues: 7PM Committee Night (CE, Mission, Fellowship, S&F, Prop.) 4th Tues: 7PM Deacons
Wednesday	6:30PM Praise Team rehearsal 7PM WEBS in the Chapel 7:30PM Choir rehearsal
Friday	9:30AM Walking Group @ S. Hills Park
Thursday	2nd Thur: 2PM Grief Support in the Chapel
Saturday	2nd Sat: 12PM Free Noon Meal in Snyder Hall



October

1	Diane Pomeroy
	Tim Peelen
2	Bob Hearson
4	Nancy Leshar
	Virginia Phillips
5	Ellen Dreibelbis
6	Paul Kilgore
7	Sam Dreibelbis
	Collin Jones
8	Jere Shiner
9	Ann Andrews
10	Bridget Hofman
	Barbara Moyer
15	Carolyn Kilgore
	Lorraine Lowrie
	Sue Mechura
	Carol Schiller
	Fiona Tshudy
18	Belinda Spicer
23	Colleen Tuisl
29	Don Beatty
	Karen Regester
30	Michael Hains
31	Katelynn Sensenig



Oct-Dec Birthdays

November

2	Grace Oxenreider
3	Jane Long
	Charlie Whary
4	Deb Miller
5	Tom Bechtold
7	Charlotte Allwein
	Reilly Morgan
8	Kelsey McMillen
15	Jody DeWald
17	Chris Risko
20	Don Leshar
21	Robert Dowd, Sr.
22	Beth Howard
24	Nell Tice
25	Laura Juppenlatz
26	Nancy Hoff
	Adam Shreve
27	Will Juppenlatz
	Megan Risko



December

1	Wilma Miller
	Jeannie Tice
2	Shelby Lister
6	Lisa Hamme
10	Steve Schulte
15	John Wissinger
17	Marc Hamme
29	Penny Samuelson
31	Scott Stambaugh

Fellowship Committee

Coffee Hour Are you interested in hosting coffee hour after church?

The Fellowship Committee welcomes your assistance!

Please sign up in the Gathering Area. Ask Carla Dowd or Karen Fedder if you have any questions. Thank you!



Celebrate St. Andrews Day

October 22nd—St. Andrews Day, complete with bagpiper in worship, shortbread and our annual Baked Potato Luncheon! Bring your favorite topping and we'll supply the spuds!

At the end of the worship service will be our Congregational Meeting, and following that we'll head down to Snyder Hall for the luncheon!

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 this upcoming event:

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Nov. 9th 10AM

This is a guided tour of the cemetery including its history. Our guide will lead us, and we'll be getting in and out of our cars. Walking will be minimal and on paved pathways. The duration is about 2 hours depending on questions and time spent at each stop. The tour will begin at the administration building at the cemetery.

Our guide has asked if any veterans will be attending. If so, let us know.

Cost is free... however, there is an opportunity to donate to The Memorial Council.
(the group that sets out flags, etc.)

Lunch following the tour will be at Snitz Creek Brewery - self pay. **Please RSVP by Oct. 29th**

Questions: Contact Karen Fedder or Carla Dowd



Welcome interested walkers—to join us this Fall at South Hills Park!

Meet at the parking lot
near the Wilhelm Ave. and Lincoln Ave. intersection.

New meeting day/time to: Fridays at 9:30AM

This is a casual, chatty circuit of the park...about 1 mile and it takes about 30-40 mins. It would be great to have others jump on this. We have 6 regulars.





Mission & Outreach Opportunities



*Mission Spotlight for October:
Canned soups (low-sodium preferred, ready made - no water added)
Canned pineapple in fruit juice



Greetings from the Sew n' Sews!!

We're sure this question has crossed your minds when it's Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM: What exactly do the Sew n' Sews sew?

We sew flannel menstrual pads that go into larger kits for girls in Africa, who would otherwise miss school during their menstrual cycle. We also make girls' dresses in all sizes that are sent along with the kits. Our local contact for this mission is Tanya Weaver.

We sew pillowcases as going-away gifts for children temporarily housed at the Chestnut Street Community Center. Our local contacts for this mission are Dave and Laurie Funk.

We sew round pillows for mastectomy patients at Hershey Medical Center to help them be more comfortable when using a seatbelt. Our contact for this mission is Kathy Hetrick.

We sew Christmas stockings and fill them with personal care items for women in Lebanon County nursing homes. This is an annual mission of Lebanon County Church Women United.

Knitters in the group make mittens for St. Andrews' annual Mitten Tree. These talented women also make prayer shawls.

We fill our annual "Christmas Table" with handmade gifts for Christmas shoppers. Proceeds from this table help fund all of the missions we've listed above.

Please feel free to join us - Tuesdays, 9:00 AM in the Youth Center, or stop by for a visit. Quite honestly, no sewing experience is required and you don't even need a machine! Just your wonderful presence is enough.

Questions? See Val Chevalier, Sue Mechura or Ann Ormond.

We are the Sew n' Sews!



Thank you to all who have given so generously to
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Maui.
 So far, we've collected over \$3000!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone who would like to have a prayer shawl, please contact the church office! We have some faithful knitters who enjoy serving by creating these to give away!





Music Notes



APPLAUSE...MEMORABLE MUSIC AT ST. ANDREWS YOU ARE INVITED!

The Concert Series Committee invites you to come out to our first concert of the 2023-2024 season on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, at 7:30 PM**. The concert will feature **STEVEN COURTNEY AND THE SUITCASE MUSICIANS** with a wonderful program of family entertainment. Steven Courtney is a shining light in children's and family music. His music is fun, upbeat and humorous, with a wink to remembering what it was like to be a kid. He is a natural-born storyteller, who draws kids and adults in with his clever and catchy tunes. Courtney has received numerous awards for his music, including the 2019 Parent and Teachers Gold Award and the 2018 Academics Choice Award. His songs have been featured on "Sesame Street," including "9 Baby Dragons," "H is for Healthy," "12 Amazing Vehicles," "14 Bunnies" and "S is for School." His songs inspire imagination and positive social behavior with a superabundance of creativity. Steven's mission is sharing love, kindness and friendship through music. Parents love the message. Children adore the music and fun spirit. Everywhere the band travels, people of all ages sing, clap and dance to the band's infectious music.

Plan to come out for an evening of fun and great musical entertainment followed by a reception with refreshments and a time for fellowship.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors from the community. **Postcards are available for you to hand out as invitations.**

See you on October 20th at 7:30pm!!



HELP!! TREAT MAKERS NEEDED TO BAKE COOKIES AND MAKE RICE KRISPIE TREATS

Donations of cookies and rice krispie treats are requested to make our concert reception on October 20th a success! Kids and adults love cookies and treats! If you can help provide treats, please let us know on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area or contact Carole Haines. Thank you for supporting the Concert Series in hosting a time of refreshment and fellowship following the concert.

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."



Session Notes

September 5, 2023

Pastor Robin called the Session meeting to order with prayer and lighting of the Christ Candle.

Pastor Robin lead a short devotional based on Psalm 119:105, a verse she has found meaningful in her recent studies. After reading verses 103 thru 106, Session members were asked to share a favorite scripture verse of their own which they have found meaningful.

The Consent Agenda (docket as formed, approval of last meeting minutes, Session assignments for September and October) was approved.

Following up on the Discipleship Task Force's outline of the Three Pillars of Discipleship (Knowing God's Word, Growing in faith together, and Serving Christ) and a detailed outline of their attributes, the Task Force has proposed a set of charting tools allowing visualization of when and where the various attributes are put into practice, taught or encountered across all church functions. All church committees will use these tools as a planning guide and an assessment tool to help maintain focus of our discipleship intentions. The tools currently are a work in progress and are expected to be refined through use.

The Property Committee presented proposed changes to the building use form and fees. Session will vote on the proposed changes at the next meeting.

The Worship Committee reported on a new "Online Prayer Request" form located on the St, Andrews website, <standrewslebanon.org>. To access the form, scroll down the main page of the website to the white rectangle that announces our next service and preacher. Within the white rectangle click "Watch Live!" this takes you to the live streaming window. Scroll a little further down and see three green rectangles with legends "Online Friendship Register", "Online Prayer Request", and "Online Giving". Click on "Online Prayer Request" and the prayer request form will open, allowing you to type in you prayer request. Don't forget to click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the form. Also when streaming the service, it is very helpful if you fill out our "Online Friendship Register" Thanks to all of you who do.

On Sunday afternoon, October 8th, the Stewardship and Finance Committee will be presenting a workshop on legacy giving (giving planned for after you depart). Look for details in the weekly announcements.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Lew Sauerwein

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

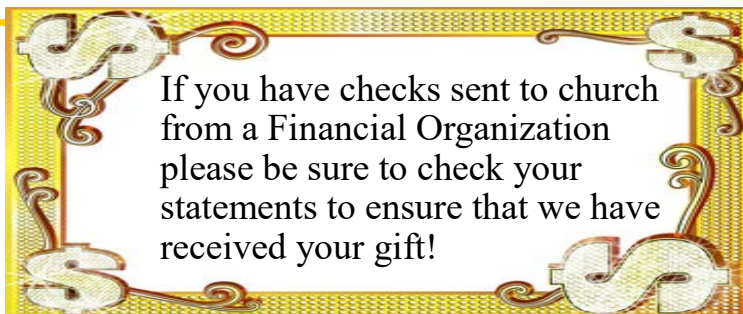
Kathy Crager
 Lorna Everhart
 Mary Lynne Mulligan

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
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. . . . .	. Robert Cochran
Coordinator of Music Ministries . . . . .	.Carole Haines
Organist. . . . .	.Lisa Meyer
Contemporary Music Leader/Digital Media Spec. . . . .	.Johnathan Shuey
Media Coordinator. . . . .	.Lew Sauerwein
Treasurer . . . . .	.Marc Hamme
Church Custodian . . . . .	.Daphne Hoke
Office Manager . . . . .	.Mary Lynne Mulligan



Church Office Hours
 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.

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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.

Know God—Grow Together—Serve Christ

